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CENTRAL EMERGENCY FUND.

UNDER the present constitution of the British Medical Association as a limited liability company, registered under the Companies Acts as formed not for profit, no part of its funds can be applied centrally or by any Branch or Division for the benefit of any individual member, except by way of remuneration for services rendered to the Association.

This has been found to prevent the Association, its Branches and Divisions, from giving the financial support which it is deemed desirable or even necessary in the interests of the profession to give to members of the profession engaged in contract practice and similar disputes. The Council of the Association, therefore, with the approval of the Annual Representative Meeting of 1906, has instituted a fund called the Central Emergency Fund, to be maintained by voluntary subscriptions, and to be under the management of the Medico-Political Committee, for purposes of action in disputes of the kind referred to.

The following are the

REGULATIONS OF THE FUND.

1. The Fund is created by voluntary subscription, to assist members of the profession in various parts of the country in maintaining the interests of the profession against organized bodies of the community.

2. All members of the profession are invited to contribute. Any contribution may be earmarked for use in specified disputes, or for application to special methods of carrying out the objects of the Fund, and when not so earmarked shall be deemed to be given for disposal at the discretion of the Medico-Political Committee in carrying out the general objects defined in Clause 1. At the termination of any special dispute for which funds may have been earmarked, the balance (if any) shall be merged in the General Fund.

3. Subject to the conditions defined in this Scheme, the Fund shall be under the entire control of the Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association, and shall be vested in the names of the Chairman of the Committee and the Treasurer of the Association, as representing the Committee. Payments shall only be made on the authority of a resolution of the Medico-Political Committee, or of a Subcommittee of the Medico-Political Committee acting under powers specifically delegated by the Committee.

4. The Fund may be applied for the promotion of the general objects stated in Paragraph 1 in any of the following ways:

(*a*) By a grant or grants to any individual practitioner to assist him in maintaining any position in which the Association shall have decided to support him, or to compensate him for losses which he shall have incurred through taking action approved by the Association.

(*b*) By a grant or grants to any Division or Branch of the British Medical Association, for its assistance in defraying expenses incidental to the conduct of local disputes falling within the scope of the objects of the Fund.

(*c*) By expenditure under direct supervision of the Medico-Political Committee, or of a Subcommittee of that Committee, for the purpose of any action which the Medico-Political Committee may deem necessary or advisable for the promotion of the general objects of the Fund.

The Medico-Political Committee, through its Contract Practice Subcommittee, has had recently brought under its notice disputes in several parts of the country in which it may be necessary to take, for the maintenance of the interests of the profession, action requiring such financial support as the Central Emergency Fund has been instituted to provide, and members of the Association and other members of the profession are strongly urged, so far as their circumstances permit, to assist the Committee in this important work.

Contributions—whether of periodical subscriptions at such periods, yearly, quarterly, or monthly, as may be convenient to the subscribers, or of special donations—are received on behalf of the Medico-Political Committee by the Medical Secretary, 6, Catherine Street, Strand, London, W.C., to whom Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable, crossed "London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch."

Forms of banker's orders will be supplied on application for those regular subscribers who may prefer to pay in this way.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:
CENTRAL DIVISION.

A SPECIAL and general meeting of the Division was held at the Medical Institute on Friday, May 10th.

Coventry Provident Dispensary.—The business before the meeting was to receive a report from the Executive Committee on the Coventry Provident Dispensary, and to consider a course of action thereupon. The following is the report: In accordance with the following resolution, which was passed unanimously at a general meeting of the Division held April 17th, 1907—

> That the letter of the Honorary Secretary of the Coventry Division (Dr. Snell) be referred to the Executive Committee to consider and report thereon, and recommend a course of action to an early meeting of the Division,

your Committee has carefully considered the whole matter, and begs to report that the Coventry Dispensary question has engaged the attention of your Executive for a considerable time, namely, from July 11th, 1906, when, at the instance of the Executive Committee of the Coventry Division, your Committee investigated the Institute of the Amalgamated Friendly Societies Medical Association at Dale End, Birmingham, an institution which contains many of the objectionable features of the Coventry Dispensary, and whose success in obtaining medical staff and consultants appeared to influence the Committee of the Coventry Provident Dispensary to refuse the reforms which the Coventry Division asked for. As a result of this investigation, the following resolution was proposed from the chair at a general meeting of the Division held on October 25th, 1906, and carried unanimously:

> That the Central Division expresses the opinion that the Friendly Societies Medical Alliance as at present constituted is not in accordance with the principles of medical ethics, and that the formation of additional Branches is most inadvisable and should be opposed.

The words "formation of additional Branches" refer to the proposal of the Coventry Dispensary Committee to make that institution a branch of the Friendly Societies Medical Alliance. In the meantime (October 12th, 1906) a letter was received from Dr. Snell, writing on behalf of his Committee, asking this Division to pass a resolution condemning the Coventry Dispensary as at present managed. It was pointed out that the institution had been condemned by a meeting of the Birmingham Branch some years ago; and also that the Coventry Division had on April 3rd, 1906, unanimously passed the following resolution:

> That this Division having on February 15th last approved of a scheme of principles and rules which they consider appropriate for the proper management of a provident dispensary, hereby declare that no member of the profession in the area of the Division should associate himself with, or continue to be associated with, any provident dispensary which is managed on lines fundamentally different from those principles and rules.

The scheme adopted by the Division was that recommended by the Medico-Political Committee in the report on contract practice, with slight modifications (page 103, SUPPLEMENT, March 17th, 1906). Your Executive Committee thereupon asked for details as to the objections entertained to the Dispensary by the Division, and received the following categorical reply: (1) That there was no wage limit for present or future members; (2) that the collectors were paid by commission; (3) that the present constitution of the committee—twenty-four lay members and seven medical—prevented the staff having an effective voice in the management; that the outside profession ought also to be represented; (4) that appointments should be transferable to successor; (5) that appointments should be open to all medical men after a stated period of residence, provided they complied with the rules; (6) that the committee should not have the right to dismiss officers, except under properly arranged restrictions; (7) that the present distribution of the income is inequitable, as less than two-thirds now goes to the staff. There are other minor objections. Your Committee having considered these objections, recommended that the following resolution should be proposed from the chair at a meeting held on November 22nd, 1906:

> That the Division expresses its disapproval of the present methods of conducting the Coventry Provident Dispensary.

This was carried unanimously. Since that time the Coventry Division and the medical staff have been very active in attempting to secure reforms of the institution. Their efforts have been practically in vain, and in consequence the resolution of the Coventry Division passed on April 3rd, 1906, will come into force on June 24th next, when 5 out of the 7 members of the staff leave their positions. This resolution was passed at such an early date at the request of the medical staff of the Dispensary, who believed it would strengthen them in the negotiations with the Committee. Finding no material concessions were given, however, and feeling the pressure of the medical opinion, and especially local opinion, they have now resigned (March 25th). Your Committee therefore recommends that a special meeting be arranged for the passing of the following new ethical rule:

> If the Division, by a majority of three-fourths of those present and voting, pass a resolution disapproving of the terms or conditions of any medical appointment outside the area of the Division, the rules prohibiting professional recognition to the holders of such an appointment within the Division shall apply.

Your Committee further recommends the Division to pass the following resolution:

> That this Division agrees to support the Coventry Division in its resolution of April 3rd, 1906, in declaring that no member of the profession in the area of the Division should associate himself with the Coventry Provident Dispensary so long as that institution is managed on lines fundamentally different from those laid down for provident dispensaries by the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee (p. 30 of Special Report on Contract Practice issued as a Special SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of July 22nd, 1905); and further declares that after June 24th next, in the event of the rules of management of the dispensary not being altered in a manner satisfactory to the Coventry Division, no member of the profession in the area of the Division shall meet in consultation or otherwise professionally recognize the members of the medical staff of the dispensary.

The first part of the report was adopted unanimously. The Ethical Rule was passed by a large majority. The resolution was, after a long and animated debate, passed *nem. con.*, with the addition of the words in the thirteenth line after "Coventry Division," "and approved by the Central Division."

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (EASTERN PROVINCE) BRANCH:
EAST LONDON DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting was held on April 24th, Dr. TANNOCK, Chairman, presiding.

Royal Charter.—The proposed application for a Royal Charter was considered. The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

1. The East London Division approves the proposal to apply for a Royal Charter, the scope of which is sufficiently wide.
2. To approve of the formation of a South African Committee to which all matters concerning South African affairs be submitted, instead of, as at present, to the home authorities, due provision being made for the protection of minorities or individual members.
3. We are not in favour of the proposition in By-law 15, whereby a minority of one-eighth can override a three-fourths majority, as this gives too much power to the minority.
4. We are of opinion that the amount of subscription which may be levied by any Branch or Division for its own special purposes should be limited.

Minimum Fee in Private Practice.—Dr. NANGLE then proposed that the minimum fee in private practice be 3s. 6d. He said that because of bad times many were unable to pay 5s. Dr. LOWNDS seconded this motion, and Dr. GANTEAUME spoke in favour of it. The other members present, however, were of the opinion that as cases deserving of charity could be dealt with lightly in the matter of fees, it was inadvisable to give unscrupulous

persons, well able to pay 5s., the chance of demanding medical attendance at the minimum of 3s. 6d. Dr. NANGLE's resolution was lost.

GRAHAMSTOWN DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division was held at Steinmann's Hotel, at 8 p.m., on Friday, April 19th.

Executive Committee.—The vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the death of Dr. Frank Murray of Graaf-Reinet was filled by the election of Dr. G. E. FitzGerald.

Proposed New Branch.—After dealing with the suggestion of the Organization Committee that the East London Division be constituted a Branch, it was resolved:

That this Council advises the Grahamstown Division to support the formation of a Branch to be called the Border Branch or other inclusive name, having the boundaries of the present East London Division together with the fiscal Divisions of the Fort Beaufort, Tarka, Albert, Steynsburg, Wodehouse, Aliwal North, Herschel, and Barkly East.

The Charter.—In answer to three letters received (1) from the Medical Secretary (January 26th), (2) from the Cape of Good Hope, Western Province Branch (March 13th), (3) from the Natal Branch (March 22nd), bearing on the position of the South African Branches under the proposed Royal Charter, it was resolved:

That this Division is in favour of the making application by the British Medical Association for a Royal Charter in order to obtain power, amongst other matters, to undertake medical defence or medical benevolence or to promote medico-political action, provided that the benefits of such increased powers are made available for every member of the Association.

That this Division is in favour of the formation of a Combined Council for the South African Branches to be called the South African Committee, and to have a delegated authority in certain matters as detailed in the letter of the Natal Branch of February 1st, 1907, always provided that the rights of individual members are suitably safeguarded in respect of rules which fix questions of ethics, discipline, or subscription.

That the Division is not in any way desirous to effect an actual or practical severance from the parent association, but merely to facilitate the business of local Branches.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH:

BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held at the Medical Society's Rooms, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, May 15th.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Mr. C. H. Watts Parkinson; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. W. Johnson Smyth; *Representative*, Dr. W. Johnson Smyth; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. E. Kaye le Fleming; *Members of Branch Council*, Drs. Bond, Bushman, Purkiss, le Fleming, Ramsay, Snow, and Johnson Smyth; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Fowler, Ross, and Thomas.

Installation of New Chairman.—Dr. Davison then vacated the chair in favour of Mr. PARKINSON, who proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Davison for his services during the past year, which was carried with acclamation.

Draft Charter.—The CHAIRMAN addressed the meeting on this subject, referring especially to the by-law dealing with the election of members to the Council.

Hospital Administration.—Specific questions Nos. 3 and 4 were answered in the affirmative.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—Specific question 1, clause *c*, adopted.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—The recommendations of the Central Ethical Committee were considered in detail and approved. In addition to the same the Division recommended that—

In the event of a general practitioner considering it necessary to alter the treatment advised by a consultant, he should inform the latter and, if necessary, advise a second consultation.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

EAST NORFOLK DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division was held to consider the draft Charter and the various specific questions submitted for the consideration of the Division regarding Hospital Administration, Medical Inspection of School Children, and Medical Consultation.

Hospital Administration.—The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Should there continue to be compulsory payments by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals? No.
2. Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory? No.
3. Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place? Yes.
4. Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out-patient departments? A certificate should be required in doubtful cases—that is, persons apparently able to afford to pay a medical practitioner—but, if required in all cases, the regulation would involve much unremunerative labour and waste of time to the private medical practitioner.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The meeting agreed to the scheme proposed for the central machinery of medical inspection of school children, and recommended the local adoption of the scheme submitted by their own Subcommittee and forwarded to the Medical Sectetary.

Medical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—The members were unanimously in support of the adoption of the report of the Ethical Committee on the ethical aspects of medical consultation (SUPPLEMENT, February 16th), and they had no amendment to add to the report.

EDINBURGH BRANCH:

SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division was held at Melrose to consider the draft of the proposed Charter of the Association, in order to instruct the Representative how to act and vote at the special meeting of the Representative Body to be held in London on May 29th next; Dr. YOUNG presided.

Hospital Administration.—Dr. HAMILTON brought up a series of questions addressed to Divisions by the Hospital Committee:—(1) Should there continue to be compulsory payment by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals? The answer was unanimously "No." (2) Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory? The answer was, "No." (3) Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place? Answer, "Decidedly." (4) Should a certificate be required from the medical attendant in the case of all patients attending out-patient departments? Answer, "No."

The Charter.—In regard to the Charter, the Representative was instructed to vote for delay until the possible advantages and disadvantages of the proposal had been thoroughly considered. There was, however, a strong feeling that some change in the organization of the Association would ultimately be required.

Central Council.—The meeting also considered the question—Is it desirable that the Central Council should be smaller than at present? The answer was unanimously Yes. It was also unanimously agreed that the Council should be elected by members grouped in Branches as at present. In regard to the representation of Colonial Branches, it was agreed to leave it to their own choice as to whether they would be represented by members elected by a paper vote, or by members elected by the Central Council. Then as to whether or not the representatives should be reduced, Dr. BLAIR moved and Dr. CALVERT seconded that they be not reduced until the question of the Charter is decided. This became the finding of the meeting.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

LIVERPOOL (NORTHERN) DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held at the Medical Institution on May 13th, Dr. J. J. TISDALL in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Central Council Election.—It was proposed by Dr. TISDALL, seconded by Dr. A. IVOR THOMAS, and resolved unanimously to support the candidature of Dr. T. R. Bradshaw, Dr. J. Brassey Brierley, Dr. A. Godson, and Mr. F. C. Larkin. The Honorary Secretary was instructed to send a notice to that effect to all members of the Division.

Draft Charter.

It was unanimously decided to answer the questions on p. 148 of the SUPPLEMENT as follows:

1. In the opinion of the Division it is not desirable that the Central Council should be smaller than at present, and also that there should not be any co-opted members.

2. It is desirable that members of Council should be elected by the system (*d*).

3. The members of Council to be elected in the following proportions:

Elected by the members of the Association in the United Kingdom grouped in Branches, 30.

Elected by the members of the Association not in the United Kingdom grouped in Branches, 10.

Members elected by the Representative Body as a whole, 20.

Ex-officio members of the Council, President, President-elect, Past-President, Chairman of Representative Meetings, Chairman of Council, Treasurer, 6.

Members elected by the Council to represent the naval and military services, 3.

Total membership, 69.

4. The Colonial Branches to be grouped according to geographical relations.

This is a modification of Scheme II, the numbers in columns A, B, and D being doubled.

Draft Ordinances.

Section IV, No. 17 (*b*) is suggested to read, "The Council at their said meeting *shall* either approve," etc., instead of "*may*."

Draft By-laws.

29. Last line, is suggested to read, "not less than *two* months" instead of "*three*."

31. (3) Second line, "within the *two* months," instead of "*three*."

44. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the Council amongst the members elected by the Representative Body, there does not appear to be any definite provision made for its being filled.

Notices of Motion.

By the Dublin Division (Leinster Branch). (See SUPPLEMENT, May 11th, 1907, p. 257.) It was proposed by Dr. ADCOCK, seconded by Dr. A. IVOR THOMAS, and resolved unanimously:

That this resolution be approved of; but, if it be not carried, the Representative is instructed to support the foregoing recommendations at the special meeting.

Regret for Non-attendance.—The HONORARY SECRETARY on behalf of Dr. Cooke, Chairman of the Division expressed that gentleman's regret at his inability to be present.

SOUTHPORT DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held at the Temperance Institute on May 15th, Dr. ASHWORTH in the chair.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected: *President*, Dr. G. R. Anderson; *Vice-President*, Dr. Gill; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Harris; *Representative at Representative Meetings*, Dr. Baildon; *Deputy*, Dr. Gill; *Representative on Branch Council*, Dr. Harris; *Other Members of Executive Committee*, Drs. Ashworth, Mackay, Sykes, and Walker.

Draft Charter.—The draft Charter was considered, with special reference to the moot point as to the mode of election of the Council of the Association. The draft Charter was generally approved, including the official proposals as to the election of the Council, but the Representative was left to exercise his own discretion as to details.

Royal Commission on Poor Law.—The reference respecting collection of evidence for submission to the Royal Commission on the Poor Law was brought under notice, but as the time when opinions were invited had passed, and none of the members present held any strong opinions on the questions asked, no discussion took place.

Medical Inspection of School Children. — Respecting medical inspection of school children, it was agreed that the medical inspection should be assigned to medical officers of health, or, in case the medical officer of health cannot or will not act, to medical officers specially appointed; but that in all cases, whether the duties be general or special, as in the case of examination of eyes and teeth, that they should be properly remunerated.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—The memorandum on the ethical aspects of medical consultation and the recommendations were considered and generally approved.

Hospital Administration.—The memorandum on hospital administration was considered, and in answer to the questions submitted it was resolved as follows:

1. Should there continue to be compulsory payments by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals? No.

2. Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory? No.

3. Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place? Yes.

4. Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out-patient departments? No; impracticable.

5. Subscribers' letters should be discountenanced.

All members present remained to the end of the meeting and the decisions were unanimous.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

TOTTENHAM DIVISION.

A MEETING was held at the Hospital on Wednesday, May 15th, at 4.30 p.m.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Branch Council Elections.—A letter was read from Dr. Rowland Fothergill regarding elections to the Branch Council.

Postal Medical Officers.—The following resolution, proposed by Dr. FULLER and seconded by Dr. SHOYER, was carried:

Seeing that the chief postmaster of a district apparently has the power of appointing postal medical officers in his own hands, and that such power might possibly be abused, that the matter be referred to the Medico-Political Committee asking them to take steps to make these appointments open to competition, and vacancies advertised in the medical journals.

Draft Charter.—The draft Charter and matters referred to the Division by the Organization Committee were considered in order that Dr. Fuller might express the views of the Division in the approaching Representative Meeting.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected: *Chairman*, A. F. Shoyer, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, Leonard Grant, M.D.; *Representative*, J. R. Fuller, M.D.; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, H. F. Staunton, M.B.; *Committee*, G. Chappel, M.D., D. Fogarty, M.R.C.S., A. Greenwood, M.R.C.S., C. E. Hutt, M.R.C.S., E. Hooper May, M.D., F.R.C.S., F. Tresilian, M.D.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Northumberland Committee was held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Thursday, May 9th, Mr. RUTHERFORD MORISON in the chair. The chief business before the meeting was the discussion of the draft Charter. The Committee was unanimously of opinion that any reduction in the Branch representation upon the Central Council of the Association was undesirable, and it was unanimously resolved that the Divisions in the county be recommended to instruct their Representatives accordingly. It was further resolved to communicate with the Durham Committee accordingly. Concerning the capitation fees it was decided to recommend the Divisions in the county to instruct their Representatives to obtain a clear understanding that extra grants could be made to Branches in deserving cases before assenting to the change.

Hospital Treatment.—It was resolved that in the opinion of this Committee all public hospitals should be free and no charge should be made to patients applying for relief.

Midwifery Fees.—The question of the proper parties to be made liable for medical fees in cases where doctors were summoned to poor persons at the instance of a midwife was discussed and adjourned.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:

SALISBURY DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Division was held at the Infirmary, Salisbury, on May 8th, at 8.15 p.m. In the absence of the Chairman at the commencement of the meeting, Dr. WILLCOX of Warminster was voted to the chair.

Dinner.—The meeting was preceded by dinner at the County Hotel.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Election of Officers.—Election of officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. E. A. Farr (Andover); *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. R. T. Richmond (Wilton); *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, J. E. Gordon (Salisbury); *Representative for Representative Meetings*, Dr. C. R. Straton (Wilton); *Representatives on Branch Council*, Mr. L. S. Luckham, Dr. E. T. Fison. *Executive Committee*, Dr. H. P. Blackmore (Salisbury), Dr. J. O. March (Amesbury), Dr. Gilbert Kempe (Salisbury), Dr. R. L. Willcox (Warminster). In the absence of Dr. Farr of Andover, the newly-elected Chairman, the chair was now taken by the newly-elected Vice-Chairman, Dr. R. T. RICHMOND.

Annual Report.—The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer's account and balance-sheet, showing a balance in hand of £15 14s. 2d., and also the Secretary's report were passed.

Draft Charter.

It was proposed by Dr. KEMPE, seconded by Dr. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN:

> That in the opinion of this Division the time has not yet come for the asking for a Royal Charter, and it is considered that the working of the reconstitution of the British Medical Association has been so far satisfactory, and further experience is desirable before making any change.

This was passed unanimously.

The Charter:

It was proposed by Dr. WILLCOX, and seconded by Dr. LUCKHAM, in reference to the following:

2. Delete all subclauses except (1). These are unnecessary, and suggest many lines of corporation trading to which many of us object as likely to injure the Association. They would also provoke opposition to the Charter from medical defence associations, medical agents, directory publishers, and others whose legitimate occupations are threatened by them.

3. Omit bracketed clause.

9. (1) *g*. The word "personal" to be deleted and the word "travelling" substituted. "Personal" would open up many chances of abuse.

Carried. For, 17; against, *nil*.

Second Schedule. By-laws:

It was proposed by Dr. LUCKHAM, and seconded by Dr. FISON, in reference to the following:

Section IV, 19. That the capitation grant should be equal, and that Branches desiring to spend more should meet their expenditure by voluntary subscriptions. In any cases of special necessity an appeal should be addressed to the Council, who may make an emergency grant not exceeding 1s. per member.

Section V, 29. That the present system of representing Branches on the Council be retained, and that the Charter embody the present Association as it at present stands.

Section VI, 37. Be deleted, and present arrangement to stand.

Carried. For, 17; against, *nil*.

Hospital Administration.

Question 1. No.

Question 2. No opinion expressed.

Question 3. That all cases should be seen by an almoner, and those not suitable for hospital treatment should be referred elsewhere.

Question 4. That it should be left to discretion of hospitals to frame their own rules on the subject.

Questions 1, 2, and 3 were passed *nem. con.*; Question 4—6 voted for, 1 against, 6 not voting.

Medical Inspection of School Children.

Questions 1 and 2. When there is a whole-time medical officer of health, he should undertake the duties, but otherwise arrangements should be made as in Clause (c), Question 1.

Question 8. A teacher should send a child home, not to a hospital.

Carried unanimously.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.

On the motion of Dr. KEMPE, the Division did not express any views on the matter, no concrete case for opinion being stated.

Association Business.—Dr. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN proposed and Dr. WILLCOX seconded:

> That the Salisbury Division of the British Medical Association resolves to consider Association business only at special meetings, to be called for that purpose not oftener than twice a year, and to be held at such times as the Secretary considers convenient, and to represent to the Council the undesirability of hampering the scientific work of the Divisions, and embarrassing their Secretaries with too much medico-political business.

This was carried unanimously as an instruction to the Representative of the Division.

Communications.—Dr. L. S. LUCKHAM read an account of a case of acute tuberculosis. Dr. GILBERT KEMPE read a paper on a series of cases of hernia, and showed specimens of two extrauterine pregnancies removed by operation, both patients recovered; a blood film of *Trypanosoma hominis*; a blood film of *Filaria loa*; a larva of *Dermatobia noxalis*. This concluded the business of the meeting.

SYDNEY AND NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Branch was held at St. James Hall, Phillip Street, Sydney, on Friday, March 22nd, Dr. POCKLEY, President, in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

New Members.—The PRESIDENT announced the election of the following new members since the last meeting:—Dr. Eric Pockley, Dr. H. Stephens, Dr. Llewellyn Rees, Dr. Peet, Dr. Hagen, Dr. Poate, Dr. MacImres, Dr. Bradley, Dr. Deakin, Dr. Schlink, Dr. F. B. Craig, Dr. A. J. Mackenzie, Dr. Diethelm, Dr. Vickers.

Annual Report.—The annual report and balance sheet were taken as read. The report stated that the membership of the Branch was 532 as against 501 at the beginning of 1906. Two extraordinary general meetings and eight ordinary general meetings had been held during the year; the attendance was very satisfactory. After nearly eight years of unremitting service as honorary secretary, Dr. G. T. Hankins resigned mainly owing to his removal to Warwick, in Queensland. Resolutions expressing appreciation of his valuable services and the deepest regret at his retirement were passed by the Council. At the invitation of the Council, Dr. Crago, for many years honorary treasurer, accepted the office of honorary secretary, and Dr. G. H. Abbott succeeded Dr. Crago as honorary treasurer. The vacancy in the Council caused by the retirement of Dr. Hankins was filled by the election of Dr. R. H. Todd. Early in the year Dr. Hankins circulated a provisional scheme for the formation of Divisions in conformity with the constitution of the Association as applicable to the United Kingdom. Several communications favourable to the proposal were received, and also some expressing disapproval. The matter remained in abeyance. A conference was held on September 7th between delegates of the Council and of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales in reference to questions of common interest to medical practitioners and members of the Pharmaceutical Society. A report on the matters discussed and the conclusions arrived at were published in the *Australasian Medical Gazette*.

Public Matters.—Correspondence took place during the year between the Council and the Secretary to the Railway Commissioners in reference to the methods adopted by the Railway Commissioners for testing the eyesight of employees and candidates for employment in the railway service. Further correspondence on the subject had been deferred until after the new Commissioners had entered upon their duties. The Council had been invited during the year to adjudicate in ethical disputes between members of the profession, and its attention was called to instances of advertising in newspapers by members of the profession. The Council urged members of the Branch not to resort to newspaper advertisement in any form for the extension of their practice. The desirability of acquiring suitable premises for the Branch at which the meetings of the Association might be held and provision made for a library and reading-room of real utility to members had been apparent to the Council for some years

past. The Honorary Secretary was authorized to seek for a suitable site, and had succeeded in finding land in a very convenient position that could be purchased. It was estimated that a sum of from £6,000 to £7,000 would be required for its purchase and for the erection of a suitable building. Definite proposals in reference to this matter would be submitted to members for their consideration. The successful termination of negotiations between the Medical Society of Victoria and the Victoria Branch of the British Medical Association for the amalgamation of these two bodies was a matter for hearty congratulation. This amalgamation should prove of great benefit to the profession throughout Australia, inasmuch as the field was left clear for the representation of the whole profession in Australia by one organization, and that one the British Medical Association. At the request of the delegates entrusted with the negotiations between these two bodies the editor and the manager of the *Australasian Medical Gazette* visited Melbourne in May last and conferred with them in reference to the adoption of the *Australasian Medical Gazette* as the official organ of the societies which it was proposed to unite. The matter was still receiving the attention of the newly-constituted Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association. It was possible that the New South Wales Branch might be asked to sell a share in the *Gazette* to the Victorian Branch, a procedure which was contemplated and intended to be given effect to at the time the New South Wales Branch purchased the *Gazette*, in the event of a Branch in another State desiring to acquire an interest in it. The *Australasian Medical Gazette* had continued its successful career. Dr. Rennie was reappointed editor and Dr. Crago manager of the *Gazette* at the first meeting of the Council held after the last annual meeting. The Honorary Treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £623 10s. 4d. on December 31st, 1906. Dr. POCKLEY proposed and Dr. CRAGO seconded the adoption of the annual report. Carried. Dr. CRAGO proposed and Dr. FIASCHI seconded the adoption of the balance sheet. Carried.

Australasian Medical Gazette.—Dr. CRAGO explained the statement of accounts for the *Gazette* account, and moved the adoption of the balance sheet of the *Australasian Medical Gazette.* Seconded by Dr. J. A. DICK, and carried.

President's Address.—Dr. POCKLEY read his address. Dr. SCOTT SKIRVING proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President for his address. Seconded by Dr. WORRALL and supported by Dr. CRAGO, and carried by acclamation. Dr. POCKLEY thanked the members for the vote of thanks.

Election of Office-bearers.—The PRESIDENT announced the result of the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year: *President*, Dr. Newmarch; *Vice-President*, Dr. Abbott; *Councillors*, Drs. Crago, Pockley, Todd, Dick, MacCormick, Rennie, Hinder, Jenkins, Maitland, Beeston, Brady, and Clarence Read. Drs. F. W. Hall and Sawkins were appointed auditors. Dr. Worrall was appointed Representative of the Branch to the Representative Annual Meeting of the Home Association; Sir Phillip Jones, Dr. Worrall, and Dr. Clubbe were appointed delegates of the Branch to the Annual Meeting of the Home Association to be held at Exeter in July and August, 1907.

Vote of Thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Drs. F. A. Hall, Sawkins, Stacy, and A. Palmer, the scrutineers. Carried.

Lodge Practitioners' Defence Fund.—Dr. CRAGO reported that the Lodge Practitioners' Defence Fund had a credit balance of £97 13s. 9d. at the end of 1906, but since that date £90 had been voted away.

Introduction of New President.—Dr. POCKLEY then introduced the President, Dr. B. W. NEWMARCH, who thanked the members for having elected him President of the Branch.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

OWING to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

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Association Notices.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

The Special Representative Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 29th, at 9.30 a.m. in the Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL,
GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

April 11th, 1907.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 5th, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, by kind permission of the Board, to consider the resolutions passed by the Special Representative Meeting in regard to the proposed Royal Charter. The offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are situate on the Victoria Embankment at the corner of Carmelite Street and near Blackfriars Bridge.

GUY ELLISTON,
General Secretary.

May 14th, 1907.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

ABERDEEN BRANCH. — Nomination of elective member of Council. Notice is hereby given that the names of candidates for the representation of this Branch must be sent to me on or before June 12th. Each candidate must be nominated by at least three electors.—J. F. CHRISTIE, Honorary Secretary, 7, Alford Place, Aberdeen.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held on Wednesday, May 29th, 1907, at the Museum, Bath, at 7.30 p.m., when Dr. D. S. Davies will resign the chair to Dr. E. J. Cave, President-elect, who will deliver the Presidential Address. The business of the meeting will be to receive the report of the Council and the annual financial statement; to elect the officers of the Branch; to receive the report of the election of Members of Council and of the Representatives of Divisions; to transact the necessary business; and to consider such subjects connected with the interest of the Branch and of the profession as may be brought before it. The Secretaries will be obliged if members will send them notice of any alteration in their diplomas or addresses. A supper will be held at Fortt's Restaurant, Milsom Street, at 8.45 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, including beer. The Bath Secretary particularly requests that members will inform him by Monday, May 27th, whether it is their intention to be present at the supper. The Secretary cannot undertake to provide places for members at the supper without notice beforehand.—W. M. BEAUMONT, Honorary Secretary of the Bath District, 4, Gay Street, Bath; NEWMAN NEILD, Honorary Secretary of the Bristol District, 9, Richmond Hill, Clifton, Bristol.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held in the Court Room, Town Hall, Trowbridge, on Saturday, May 25th, at 3 p.m. Business: To elect Chairman, officers, and Representative, etc. To transact such business as may be done at an annual meeting. To consider matters referred by the Association to the Division. Other matters. If time permits there will be a discussion on the question of Contract Practice, and the possibility of establishing public medical services in the district. Members are particularly requested to bring with them the SUPPLEMENTS issued with the recent numbers of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL containing "matters referred to the Divisions," especially those of February 16th, April 6th, April 13th, etc.—JOHN TUBB-THOMAS, Honorary Secretary, Trowbridge, Wilts.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Medical Institute, Birmingham, on Thursday, June 13th, at 3.30. Agenda: Election of two members of the Branch to represent the Branch on the Central Council of the Association. Nominations for these offices must be sent to the undersigned not later than May 26th.—O. J. KAUFFMANN, 22, Broad Street, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will take place at the Medical Institute on Wednesday, June 5th, at 4 p.m.—E. D. KIRBY, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH AND NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH.—*Nomination of Elective Member of Council.*—Notice is hereby given that the names of candidates for the representation of these two Branches must be sent in to me on or before May 27th. Each candidate must be nominated by at least three electors.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Honorary Secretary, Border Counties Branch, 62, Warwick Road, Carlisle.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of this Branch will be held in the Crown and Mitre Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, June 21st. The business will include proposals to alter the existing rules of the Branch in several particulars, details for which will be sent to every member before the meeting. Election of office-bearers, etc. The Presidential Address will be delivered by Dr. F. H. Clarke, Dumfries. The detailed agenda paper will be issued as usual before the meeting.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Honorary Secretary, Carlisle.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—*Two Members of Council.*—In accordance with the Articles and By-laws, the Honorary Secretary of the Branch will be glad to receive nominations, signed by not less than three members, for the election of two Representatives on the Central Council of the Association. Nominations must reach the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before Monday, June 3rd.—B. H. NICHOLSON, East Lodge, Colchester, Honorary Secretary of Branch.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch will be held at Ipswich on Thursday, June 20th. Members wishing to read papers or show cases or specimens should communicate at once with Dr. Gutch, Ipswich.—B. H. NICHOLSON, M.B., East Lodge, Colchester, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital on June 20th, at 3 p.m., when officers and Representatives will be elected for 1907-8.—ARTHUR GARDINER, Honorary Secretary, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn.

EDINBURGH AND FIFE BRANCHES.—The attention of members of these two Branches is drawn to the fact that nominations for the election of two members upon the Central Council of the Association should be sent in to one of the Secretaries not later than Wednesday, June 5th.—LOGAN TURNER, 27, Walker Street, Edinburgh; FRANCIS W. BOYD, 22, Manor Place, Edinburgh; BALFOUR GRAHAM, Leven, Fife, Honorary Secretaries.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—*Nominations of Members of Council.*—In accordance with Branch Rule 5 and Association By-law 24, nominations for Representatives on the Central Council, each signed by at least three electors, are requested to be sent to Mr. J. Grant Andrew, 12, Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, on or before Monday, May 27th. If more than two members are nominated, an election by voting papers will be necessary.—JAMES HAMILTON, J. GRANT ANDREW, Honorary Secretaries.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The statutory annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the new Medical Buildings of the University on the afternoon of Friday, June 7th, at half-past three o'clock. Professors Glaister, Stockman, and Nöel Paton have courteously offered to show the members the New Laboratories, a description of which will be found in the JOURNAL of April 27th (page 1023). Dr. Donald MacIntosh has also invited the Branch to visit the New Wing of the Western Infirmary. A dinner will be held in the evening (6.15), at which Principal Donald MacAlister, M.D., LL.D., will be present. Ticket, 5s. 6d. (exclusive of wines).—JAMES HAMILTON, J. GRANT ANDREW, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held at Altrincham on June 6th, when officers and committee will be elected for 1907-8. A paper on Some of the Disorders of Infancy will be read by Henry Ashby, M.D., of Manchester. The subsequent dinner will be held at the Brooklands Hotel at 7 o'clock. (By order.)—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER (WEST) DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Hulme Dispensary, Dale Street, Stretford Road, on Monday, May 27th, at 4.15 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to be present. Agenda: 1. Minutes and Correspondence. 2. Election of Officers: (*a*) Chairman; (*b*) Vice-Chairman; (*c*) Secretary; (*d*) Five Members of Committee; (*e*) Two Representatives on Branch Council. 3. Election of Representative in Representative Meeting. 4. Annual Report of Executive Committee. 5. Consideration of Draft Scheme for co-ordinating the Divisions in their work, prepared by the Manchester and Salford combined Committee. 6. Annual Meeting of the Branch in Manchester: Election of Five Representatives on Committee of Management. 7. Business of the Representative Meeting: Instructions to Representative; Draft Charter. 8. Rule respecting the Tenure of Office by Chairman of Division. 9. Any other business. Members are requested to forward the names of those they may wish to nominate for the vacant posts to the Honorary Secretary on or before Saturday, May 25th. Any member of the Division is eligible for election.—J. SKARDON PROWSE, B.A., 372, Moss Lane East, Manchester, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER (SOUTH) DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held at Dr. Sawers Scott's, Wilmslow Road, Withington, at 3.45 p.m., on Friday, May 31st. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Reference to our former Chairman, the late Dr. Collins. (3) Letter *re* Rusholme Dispensary. (4) Election of officers for the ensuing year. (5) Committee's annual reports. (6) Proposed new rules: (*a*) The Past Chairman shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. (*b*) Adoption of a code of ethical rules. (7) Draft scheme for Combined Committee of the Manchester Divisions, and election of four representatives. Dr. J. Milson Rhodes has consented to address the meeting on the draft Charter. Tea and coffee.—M. RUSSEN RHODES, Bridge House, Didsbury, Honorary Secretary of the Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH. — *Nominations of Branch Officers.*—Pursuant to By-law 24, notice is hereby given that nominations for all the officers of the Branch, namely, President-elect, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, members of the Branch on the Central Council of the Association, must be sent in to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before May 28th. Voting papers will be sent out on or before June 4th, and must be returned to the Secretary on or before June 11th.—FRED. J. SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Branch will take place on Thursday, June 27th. Time and place will be fixed by the Branch Council.—Honorary Secretary, FRED. J. SMITH.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—At the request of the Westminster Division, a special general meeting of the Branch will be held at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, June 6th, at St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly, to discuss the advisability of constituting a central hospital authority for London. Dr. Knowsley Sibley will submit, on behalf of the Westminster Division, the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, it is desirable, with a view of abating the present abuse of hospital charity, that a central hospital authority for London be constituted upon which the medical profession is adequately represented." If this resolution is approved by the meeting, the Branch Council will be asked by further resolutions to appoint a committee and provide the funds necessary for the promotion of this object. Those who desire to join in the discussion are requested to send their names to Dr. F. J. McCann, 5, Curzon Street, Mayfair, W., Secretary, Westminster Division. Tea and coffee will be served at 4 p.m.—F. J. SMITH, M.D., D'ARCY POWER, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, May 30th, at 9 p.m., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., the meeting to be followed by a supper at 9.30 p.m.—E. W. GOODALL, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E., Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—A meeting of the medical profession of Hampstead and neighbourhood will be held under the auspices of the Hampstead Division of the British Medical Association, on Friday, May 24th, at 4.30 p.m., in the Lecture Room of the Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., Dr. Macevoy in the chair. Agenda: 1. To receive the report of the Committee of the local profession appointed on May 5th, 1906. 2. To consider the following resolutions passed by the Committee on April 26th: (*a*) That this meeting confirm the resolutions passed by meeting of the local medical profession on May 5th, 1906, which are: (1) That an out-patient department in Hampstead is unnecessary. (2) That the casualty department be kept distinct from any other department, and that casualty patients, if not suitable for admission, be seen once, and thereon be referred to private practitioners, provident dispensaries, or Poor-law authorities. (3) That there be greater facilities for general practitioners of the neighbourhood to attend in-patients. (4) That there should be a service limit, as well as an age limit, to appointments to the medical staff. (5) That the outside medical profession be adequately represented on the Board. (6) That it is desirable, both in the interest of the district and of the

hospital itself, that the Hampstead Hospital be carried on as a purely local institution, and not as a large general hospital, and that therefore an acting staff of consultants is not in accordance with the spirit of its constitution. (*b*) That this meeting does not regard the proposed amalgamation of the Hampstead and North-West London Hospitals with approval. (*c*) That the visiting staff of the Hampstead Hospital should be limited to local practitioners. 3. Other business. Tea will be provided.—REGINALD A. YELD, 29, Platt's Lane, Hampstead, Honorary Secretary of the Committee of the Local Medical Profession appointed on May 5th, 1906.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: MARYLEBONE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, May 30th, 1907, at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, W., at 5 p.m. (1) Minutes. (2) In accordance with the resolution passed by the Division on February 26th, 1907, to alter Rule 5 of the Division, so that it reads as follows: "The officers of the Division shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary" (3) To elect officers, namely, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary. (4) To elect the Representative of the Division at the Representative Meetings of the Association. (5) To receive the annual report of the Executive Committee. (6) To consider a memorandum and a series of questions on the Ethics of Medical Consultation framed by the Executive of the Division, and to be sent to Consultants residing in the area of the Marylebone Division, in accordance with the resolution passed at the meeting of the Division held May 14th. Questions to follow. (7) To transact any other business that may be transacted at an ordinary meeting.—COMYNS BERKELEY, B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.P.Lond., Wimpole Street, W., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held in the Board Room of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., on Tuesday, May 28th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) To receive annual report and balance-sheet. (4) To elect chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, representative, three members of the Branch Council, and Executive Committee. (5) To consider alterations of rules as follows: (*a*) That Rule 11 as hereunder printed shall stand amended by leaving out the words in italics, "Ordinary meetings of the Division shall be held *not less than six times a year* at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall appoint. (*b*) In Section D, Rule 11, *re* annual meeting, that seven days be the notice required instead of fourteen. (6) To consider notices of motion for the Annual Representative Meeting. (7) Such other business as may be dealt with by the annual meeting.—WALTER H. YELD, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—The annual dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m., in the New Gaiety Restaurant, Strand, W.C. Ladies are invited. Small tables can be engaged if desired. Tickets (exclusive of wine), 7s. 6d. each, which will be collected on the evening. The toast list will be short, and a good programme for an entertainment has been arranged. Members can bring their medical friends and book seats by writing to Dr. ALLAN J. SWALLOW, Honorary Secretary Dinner Committee, 61, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, on Thursday, June 13th, 1907, at 2.15 p.m. Agenda: Minutes; report of Council; financial statement; election of two Representatives of Branch on the Central Council. The only nominations received are Dr. Carline and Dr. Pope, who will therefore be elected. Election of Branch officers; election of President-elect, 1907-8; any other business. Address by the new President, G. Lorrimer, Esq., M.D. Clinical cases shown by members of the Honorary Staff Devonshire Hospital. The President will be glad to entertain members to lunch at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, at 1 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, at 6.30 p.m.; tickets (exclusive of wine) 7s. 6d. each. Members attending the lunch or the dinner are requested to notify the fact to Dr. Lorrimer, Buxton, or the Honorary Secretary, before Monday, June 10th.—ROBERT SEVESTRE, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 119, London Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND BRANCH: BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Tuesday, May 28th, at the Red Lion Hotel at 1 o'clock. Luncheon will be provided at 2 p.m.; tickets, 3s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. Members are requested to reply not later than May 25th as to their intention to be present at the luncheon; those accepting will be held responsible for the value of their tickets. Members may bring guests to the luncheon. Agenda: 1. Election of officers. 2. Programme for the year. 3. Matters referred to Divisions:—(*a*) Hospital Administration (SUPPLEMENT, April 13th); (*b*) Draft Charter (SUPPLEMENT, April 6th); (*c*) the Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation (SUPPLEMENT, February 16th); (*d*) Medical Inspection of School Children (SUPPLEMENT, February 16th). 4. Any other business.—A. E. WILSON, Honorary Secretary, Boston and Spalding Division.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—Nominations for a Representative of the Branch on the Central Council in accordance with By-law 24 will be received by the Honorary Secretary up to June 1st.—H. JONES ROBERTS, Honorary Secretary, Llywenarth, Penygroes.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the White Lion Hotel, Bala, on Thursday, May 30th, in the afternoon. Members having papers to read or cases to show are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary before May 22nd.—HENRY GLADSTONE JONES, Plas Gwilym, Criccieth, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Brighton on Wednesday, June 19th, Mr. T. Jenner Verrall, President-elect, in the chair. The following will be the agenda: (1) To elect the officers of the Branch (this will be done by voting papers sent to each member of the Branch); nominations by three members for the offices of president-elect, vice-presidents, and secretary may be sent to the Honorary Secretary on or before May 18th; (2) to receive the annual report of the Branch; (3) to transact any business that may be transacted by an ordinary meeting. N.B.—Three members to represent the Branch on the Central Council will also be elected by voting papers. Nominations for these posts, each of three members in writing, should be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before May 18th.—H. M. STEWART, Dyffryn, Dulwich, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.—A combined meeting of the Divisions comprised in the old East Kent District—that is, Ashford, Canterbury and Faversham, Dover, Folkestone, and Thanet—will be held at the County Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, June 27th, at three o'clock precisely, Dr. Whitehead Reid in the chair. Agenda: A paper will be read by W. J. Tyson, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Honorary Physician, Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, on the Future Lines of Treatment: Their Effects on the Profession. An address by Alex. G. R. Foulerton, F.R.C.S., D.P.H., Director of Bacteriological Department, Middlesex Hospital, Medical Officer of Health to the County of East Sussex, on the Treatment of Infective Disease by Bacterial Vaccination. W. T. Hillier, Esq., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Pathological Assistant, Research Laboratories, Middlesex Hospital, will (1) Show specimens of trypanosomata; (2) give a demonstration of the method of determining the opsonic index of the blood. Preliminary meetings will be held as follows: (*a*) 2.30, Canterbury and Faversham Division:—Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Annual report. (3) Election of officers—Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Representative at Representative Meetings, Representative on Branch Council, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Committee. (4) To consider the desirability of amalgamating with the Ashford Division. (5) Any other business. (*b*) 2.50, Canterbury and Faversham with Thanet Divisions:—Agenda: (1) To elect the Representative for Representative Meetings. Members will dine together at 5.45 for 6 o'clock at the County Hotel, Canterbury; charge 5s., exclusive of wines. Those who intend to stay to dinner are requested to notify Dr. Henchley not later than the morning of June 27th, and to state whether they will assist in a short musical programme.—A. R. HENCHLEY, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Canterbury.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch and of the Branch Council will be held at the Town Hall, Clonmel, on Wednesday, June 12th, at 12 noon. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Apologies. (3) Correspondence. (4) Ethical aspects of medical consultation; revised Royal Charter and hospital administration (see SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, February 16th, April 6th and 13th, and bring them to meeting). (5) To receive report of Committee relating to underselling. (6) To elect new member. (7) Dr. Jellett will read notes on a case of retinitis proliferans, and exhibit photographs of it. (8) Dr. Quirke will introduce a discussion on parotitis and Leitchnech (Irish), giving differential diagnosis. (9) Any other business. Members are requested to give the Honorary Secretary at least three days' notice of their intention to read papers or bring up matters concerning the interest of the profession for discussion.—J. QUIRKE, Honorary Secretary, Piltown.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—Nominations for Representative for the above Branch on the Central Council are requested to be sent to the Honorary Secretary not later than June 10th.—E. HARRIES-JONES, Secretary.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the election of Branch Representatives on the Central Council will take place on June 13th at the annual meeting at Cardiff.—FRANK G. THOMAS, M.B., 68, Walter Road, Swansea.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The sixty-eighth annual meeting will be held on June 3rd, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, at 12.30 p.m. In view of the forthcoming visit of the Association to Exeter, this meeting will be limited to the transaction of the necessary annual business of the Branch. Mr. Domville will resign the chair to Dr. Deas. The report of the Branch Council and the annual financial statement will be presented to the meeting, and the officers of the Branch will be elected for the year 1907-8. A report from the Executive Committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the Association will be read. The Branch Council wish to call attention to the very inadequate support which the guarantee fund has in some quarters received from the members of the Branch. Less than half the members have subscribed, and although the subscriptions given average £2 per head, the average from the whole Branch is less than £1 per head. It is hoped that each member of the Branch will make it a point of honour to contribute to this fund, so that there may be a fair prospect of a return when the meeting is over. The subscriptions given will be appended to the list of members which is issued immediately after the annual meeting of the Branch. The President-elect will be pleased to see any members attending either this meeting or the Executive Committee at luncheon at the Clarence Hotel at 1.30. Replies to this invitation should be sent not later than May 29th.—RUSSELL COOMBE, Honorary Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE AND MID WALES BRANCHES.—Election of Representative on the Central Council. In accordance with By-law 22, notice is hereby given that the names of those candidates nominated for the Central Council of the Association must be sent in to the Secretary of the Staffordshire Branch or the Secretary of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Branch on or before Saturday, June 1st.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Stoke-on-Trent, Secretary of the Staffordshire Branch; C. E. RUSS WOOD, Shrewsbury, Honorary Secretary of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Branch.

ULSTER BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Medical Institute, Belfast, on Saturday, June 29th, at 11.30 a.m. Members having communications to make to the meeting are requested to send particulars of the same not later than June 15th to CECIL SHAW, M.D., Honorary Secretary, College Square, Belfast.

ULSTER AND CONNAUGHT BRANCHES. — Nominations for Central Council. Two members to represent these Branches (combined) on the Central Council will be elected on June 29th. Nominations, signed by three electors, to be sent, to reach me not later than June 8th.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., Honorary Secretary, College Square, Belfast.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: BRADFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, on Tuesday, June 11th, at 8 30 p.m. The election will take place of the officers, Representatives of the Division on the Branch Council, Members of the Executive and Ethical Committees, and the Representative of the Division in Representative Meetings of the Association. The annual report of the Executive Committee will be presented. Any questions of importance on which the opinion of the Division has not yet been taken, and which are down for consideration by the Annual Representative Meeting, will be discussed.—JAMES METCALFE, ANDREW LITTLE, Honorary Secretaries.

THE MAY MEETINGS AND THE COUNCIL ELECTION.

SIR,—As a general practitioner of nearly forty years' standing, I desire to offer a few suggestions to my brethren at a time when many issues of grave interest to ourselves, and, in many instances, to our sons, will come up for consideration.

In order to effect any adequate improvement in the present status of the general practitioner three things are absolutely necessary: We must know what we want; we must have a common policy, and a united platform; we must be determined to press on our legitimate demands, without ceasing, until they are attained.

First, we demand, and must insist upon, a satisfactory reform of hospital abuse, which to a great extent depletes our incomes; and, as a potent means to this end, I suggest that we cease to call in consultation the members of any hospital staff who will not insist that their committees of management shall rigorously exclude all persons who are in a position—as fully one-half are—to employ a general practitioner.

Secondly, we want drastic reform in the management of provident dispensaries; a very large proportion of the patients attended by the staffs whereof do not belong to the poorer classes, for whose relief these institutions were established and intended; and that is a matter in which I submit that the General Medical Council should take some action. It is a matter of common knowledge that within the last twenty-five years not only have consultants and "specialists" multiplied enormously, but also that their fees have gone up 50 to 100 per cent., while those of the general practitioners have proportionately gone down. They get the cream, while we have to *wait* patiently for the "skim," and oftentimes don't even get that same! What we need is unity, combination, agitation—in plain English, we want trade-unionism applied to medical practice.

Other workers have combined and got fair play; then why not we?

Farmers have combined and got lower rents and higher profits, artisans have combined and got shorter hours of work and increased wages, while we toil day and night and often get no wages at all!

The legal profession possesses statutory protection in the shape of the "Incorporated Law Society"; why, then, should we not possess an "Incorporated Medical Society," based on similar lines, but with such modifications as would make it applicable to our profession, but with powers, like solicitors, to fix and compel the adoption of a minimum scale of fees for either private or contract practice? This would at once exterminate the 6d. man and the one-mark vaccinator. It would compel the juniors not to undersell, while permitting the seniors to charge higher fees adequate to their more mature knowledge and experience. It would prevent cutting competition in the selection of surgeons to friendly societies; while, lastly, it would protect the profession from the general public, who well know, and do not fail to take every advantage of, our want of union and *esprit de corps*, to cut down our never magnificent fees to the verge of starvation limits. We want the members of the Divisions to come together more, to get to know each other, to rub the corners off as it were, to cultivate social intercourse, to attend the general meetings in larger numbers, to put aside any petty animus or personal pique one to another, and to work harmoniously together for the mutual weal. Let no one say "I won't work with So-and-so," as is too often the case. This is but dog-in-the-manger policy, and disheartens the few who have hitherto worked loyally and harmoniously together in the interests of the many, and often have good reason to be bitterly disappointed by the apathy of the majority, who won't serve on committees or even take the trouble to attend meetings of Divisions summoned to discuss important issues. We have the numbers, but we lack the unity in our ranks essential to achieve success. Let each man keep before his mind the motto "United we stand, divided we fall," and the triumph of our cause is within measurable distance.

In conclusion, I desire to express my earnest hope that every member will give the fullest and most unbiassed consideration to the very important letter addressed to me by Dr. T. Arthur Helme, and published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 18th, with the views set forth in which I desire to express my hearty and loyal concurrence.—I am, etc.,

Manchester, May 19th. C. STENNETT REDMOND.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Central Midwives Board, under the provisions of Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure was held at the Caxton House, Westminster, on May 16th, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

MIDWIVES STRUCK OFF THE ROLL.

The Board considered charges as stated after their names against the following midwives, whose names were ordered to be erased from the Roll:

Ann Bamford, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient suffering from puerperal fever, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Eliza Bill, that being in attendance at a confinement she was intoxicated and incapable of performing her duties.

Caroline Cartledge, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient suffering from foul-smelling discharges, from headaches, and from abdominal pains, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Harriet Cooper, that being in attendance at a confinement, being unable to deliver the child, the labour being abnormal, she refused to have a registered medical practitioner sent for.

Caroline Emma Fisher, that she did not use or possess the appliances or antiseptics required by Rule E 2, that she did not keep a register of cases, and that she was not scrupulously clean and did not wear a dress of washable material. This midwife signed a paper requesting the Board to remove her name from the roll.

Elizabeth Ann Goodall, that being in attendance at a confinement she did not wash the patient at any time, nor did she give full directions for securing the comfort and proper dieting of the mother and child during the lying-in period, and she sent an uncertified person to act as her substitute.

Selina Hitchins, that being in attendance at a confinement, the perineum being seriously ruptured, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Sarah Ann Homer, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient suffering from severe abdominal pain, with swelling and signs of insufficient contraction of the uterus, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Sarah Skitt, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient being ill, with a temperature above 100.4° F. and a foul-smelling discharge, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Thurza Smith, that being in attendance at a confinement, the placenta not having been expelled an hour after the birth of the child, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

MIDWIVES CENSURED.

The following midwives were censured by the Board after the following charges stated after their names had been considered:

Mary Brookes, that being in attendance at a confinement, the child's eyes being inflamed at birth, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Eliza Burgess, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient being a primipara, and there being a breech presentation, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Elizabeth A. Long, that being in attendance at a confinement, the child suffering from septic infection of the cord, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Caroline Lovatt, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient being delirious, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

Mary Morrell, that being in attendance at a confinement, the patient suffering from puerperal fever, she did not decline to attend alone and advise that a registered medical practitioner be sent for.

THE FUNCTIONS OF A PROVIDENT DISPENSARY IN LONDON.

By W. WINSLOW HALL, M.D.,

Chairman of the Kilburn Provident Medical Institute.

FOR twenty-seven years I have been working among the sick poor. In that time I have had experience of hospitals, free dispensaries, medical clubs, provident dispensaries, Government medical service, credit practice, ready-money practice, and gratuitous practice; moreover, I have been able to observe medical relief under the Poor Law, under the friendly societies, and under the municipalities. My conclusion is that the London sick poor can best be dealt with in three grades: (1) The penniless, requiring Poor-law medical treatment; (2) earners of moderate wages, requiring the provident dispensary system; (3) earners of big wages, affording half-crown fees.

Thus the function of the provident dispensary is to supply the medical needs of all who are too well off to claim Poor-law medical relief and yet not so well off as to afford half-crown fees. From this it follows that the provident dispensary ought to supersede the free dispensary, the private club, the open surgery, and credit practice or gratuitous practice among moderate wage-earners; further, that it ought to absorb the friendly societies and most of the hospital out-patients. The Government and municipal medical services are too good to be touched; probably they will, in time, absorb the provident medical system.

Now, after nearly twenty years' work under the provident dispensary system, I would like to point out: First, its benefits; secondly, its defects; thirdly, the remedies for these defects.

THE BENEFITS.

There can be no question that the provident dispensary is a fine thing for the moderate wage-earner. For a small weekly payment he ensures that he and his family shall have medical care and pure drugs at any time of need. This is not only an economy but also a piece of preventive medicine: by securing prompt and early treatment he can ward off many severe illnesses. Further, he and his are educated in thrift and foresight; he enjoys the blessing of self-help; and he may even rise to enjoyment of the knowledge that those who remain healthy are paying for the medical relief of those who become ill.

Nor can there be any doubt that the provident dispensary is a fine thing for the medical practitioner. It solves for him the problem of attendance on the sick poor. His bookkeeping is done for him, and he gets regularly once a year a cheque proportioned to the number of members on his list. His dispensing is done for him, and he can devote himself entirely to his proper curative and preventive work. He can cultivate the kindliest relations with his poor patients, visiting them as often as the gravity of an ailment may demand, without any scruple about fees; and in this respect provident dispensary practice is even pleasanter than private practice. Through decades and generations he can educate himself in that preventive medicine of the individual which is becoming the most precious use of the family practitioner. And yet he does not become the slave of his patients; he can enforce common-sense rules as to consultation hours, and messages, and visits, so as to make his day's work methodical and easy. It is wonderful what an amount of considerateness can be evolved among the poor by persistent and kindly training of this sort. Again, the provident dispensary brings the practitioner into fraternal relations with his medical neighbours. He finds that his and their interests are, after all, identical; that each can help the other in many ways; that the joy of doing good work for our fraternity may be had by taking a share in the management of the institution. And, if he has aptitudes for a speciality, his colleagues will be willing enough to put instructive cases in his way, and so give him the extended experience that he requires.

The provident dispensaries may be just as beneficial to the hospitals. They can take over the great bulk of the out-patient work, leaving each hospital staff at leisure for the casualties and the consultation cases that form its proper province; and they can sift out, and pass on to the hospital, cases that are genuinely instructive or genuinely difficult.

Lastly, the provident dispensaries ought to be a great boon to the general public. They can lessen the death-rate and the infectious diseases rate; they can improve the health and the environment of the wage-earners; they can diminish the financial burden of the Poor-law medical service and of medical charity; they can train the poor in thrift, and self-reliance, and altruism; they can evolve experienced and kindly medical practitioners from the "qualified men" who are ground out by the examination mill.

THE DEFECTS.

But the provident dispensary, as at present constituted, has undeniable defects. Lapses are far too common; at one provident dispensary there were, last year, 977 lapses, against 984 admissions. Chronic cases are also a difficulty; either they must be treated at ordinary rates (which is an unjustifiable tax on the earnings of the medical staff), or they must be treated at increased rates (which is often impracticable or unjust from the patient's point of view), or they must be turned out (which is unjust and shortsighted from all points of view). Again, cases of sudden illness among non-members have to be reckoned with, and ought to be wisely provided for. Further, the equipment of provident dispensaries is at present inadequate, and their working expenses are usually too high. At present, also, they suffer from competition with friendly societies and private medical clubs on the one hand, and with out-patient departments and free dispensaries on the other hand. Moreover, they lack co-operation among themselves; for example, a member moving from one district to another is usually thrown out of membership at once. Then, as a rule, service on a provident medical staff is the privilege of but a few practitioners in each district; and often the management of a provident dispensary is unduly controlled by the lay members of committee.

THE REMEDIES.

The remedies for these defects are not far to seek. In the first place, the provident dispensary should be available for every practitioner of standing and repute within its area of operation. When properly conducted, its practice must commend itself to all as at once pleasanter and more remunerative than that of private clubs and open surgeries.

In the second place, the medical staff should take its rightful and preponderant share in the management of each provident dispensary. The business is their own; no laymen can look after it so well as they can; the common gibe that medical men have no heads for business is absurdly untrue. Service on subcommittees and on committee and in office ought to be expected from every member of the staff in turn; the pleasure and the moral benefit it brings can be appreciated only by those who have so served.

In the third place, the provident dispensary ought to be affiliated to its nearest general hospital, sending up instructive or puzzling cases, and receiving, in return, patients referred by the almoner as unsuitable for hospital treatment. Further, the medical schools might well utilize the skill and experience of medical men on the staff of provident dispensaries by encouraging senior students to take three months' medical practice under the supervision of approved medical officers. This would more than make up for the student's loss of out-patient experience, and would to some extent make up for the lack of the old-time apprenticeship experience.

In the fourth place, the 44 provident dispensaries in London ought to be linked together as far as possible. Each, when members move, ought to place them in touch with the provident dispensary nearest to the new abode. Each ought to study the methods of its sister institutions, and should take example from what is better done elsewhere. And while maintaining independence and individuality, all should co-operate in forming a central council to serve as a medium for their intercommunication and as a champion of their common interests.

In the fifth place, the provident dispensaries ought to be prepared to meet the friendly societies on their own ground, and absorb them wholesale. They will find it financially sound, and ethically advantageous, to admit large bodies of picked men at 4s. a head per annum. The wives and children, of course, would be taken at ordinary rates.

In the sixth place, there ought to be formed, in connexion with each provident dispensary, but distinct from its management, an Auxiliary Committee, which would appeal for funds to the charitable public, and use the money as follows:

(*a*) In paying the subscriptions of those members who are lapsing through distress; or of those who, having become liable to chronic rates, cannot pay the same; or of those non-members who, when taken suddenly ill, cannot pay the sick-admission rate. In all cases the Auxiliary Committee would be expected to sift the circumstances thoroughly, and avoid any abuse of the charitable money entrusted to it; and it should aim at training all its beneficiaries up through self-help to renewed independence.

(*b*) In so equipping the provident dispensary buildings as to make them worthy substitutes for the hospital out-patient departments and free dispensaries.

(*c*) In so financing the provident dispensary as to cover all the working expenses, and thus allow the members' subscriptions to be applied solely for the provision of drugs and dispensing, and for the remuneration of the medical staff.

Vital Statistics.

THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S QUARTERLY RETURN.

THE Registrar-General has just issued his return relating to the births and deaths in the first quarter of the year, and to the marriages during the three months ending December last. The marriage rate during that period was equal to 17.0 per 1,000 of the population, being slightly below the average rate in the corresponding periods of the ten preceding years.

The births registered in England and Wales during the quarter ending March last numbered 230,124, and were equal to an annual rate of 26.7 per 1,000 o the population, estimated at 34,945,600 persons in the middle of the year; this rate was 1.2 per 1,000 below that in the first quarter of 1906, and 2.3 per 1,000 below the average rate in the corresponding periods of the ten years, 1897-1906. Among the several registration counties the birth-rates ranged from 20.0 in Sussex, 20.7 in Cornwall and in Carnarvonshire, 20.9 in Northamptonshire, 21.5 in Herefordshire, and 21.8 in Dorsetshire, to 29.7 in Nottinghamshire, 30.3 in Northumberland, 30 5 in Staffordshire, 33.5 in Glamorganshire, 34.5 in Durham, and 35.3 in Monmouthshire. In seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, the birth-rate averaged 28.0 per 1,000, being 1.3 in excess of the general English birth-rate. In London the rate was 26.7 per 1,000, while it averaged 28.5 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns, among which the birth-rates ranged from 15.7 in Hornsey, 16.1 in Hastings, 17.1 in Bournemouth, 17.7 in Halifax, 20.4 in Northampton, and 20.5 in Bradford, to 35.1 in Sunderland and in Tynemouth, 36.2 in Warrington and in Middlesbrough, 37.7 in St. Helens, 38.6 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 39.0 in Rhondda.

The births registered during the quarter under notice were 69,419 in excess of the deaths; this represents the natural increase of the population during that period. From returns issued by the Board of Trade, it appears that the net total passenger movement to and from places outside Europe showed a net balance outward of 81,579 passengers from the various ports of the United Kingdom. There was an outward balance of 34.945 English passengers, 10,633 Scottish, 4,007 Irish, and 32.547 of foreign nationality, while there was a balance inwards of 353 persons whose nationality was not stated. The English passengers showed an increase of 21 per cent. over the number in the corresponding quarter of the preceding year; the Scottish passengers an increase of 43 per cent., and the Irish passengers an increase of 14 per cent.

During the first quarter of the year the deaths of 160.705 persons were registered, equal to an annual rate of 18.7 per 1,000; this rate was 2.2 per 1,000 above that in the preceding year, and was 0.2 above the average rate for the ten years 1897-1906. The lowest county death-rates last quarter were 15.7 in Middlesex, 16.1 in Buckinghamshire, 16 2 in Northamptonshire, 16.3 in Essex, 17.0 in Kent and 17.2 in Derbyshire; the highest rates were 20.3 in the East Riding of Yorkshire, 20.6 in Devonshire, 20.8 in Nottinghamshire, 21.2 in Cumberland, 22.4 in the North Riding of Yorkshire, and 22 9 in Monmouthshire. In seventy-six of the largest towns, with an aggregate population estimated to exceed 16 millions, the mean rate of mortality was 19 0 per 1,000; in 142 smaller towns, containing in the aggregate nearly 5 millions, the rate averaged 18.2 per 1,000, while in the remaining, and chiefly rural, parts of England and Wales, the rate was 18.4 per 1.000. In London the death-rate was 18.5 per 1,000, while it averaged 19.2 in the seventy-five large provincial towns, and ranged from 10 9 in Hornsey, 12 3 in Handsworth (Staffs), 12.5 in King's Norton, 14.9 in Leyton, and 15.4 in Northampton and in Willesden, to 22.7 in Merthyr Tydfil, 22.8 in St. Helens, 23 0 in Hanley, 23.2 in Oldham and in Preston, 23.7 in Swansea, and 27.1 in Middlesbrough.

The 160,705 deaths from all causes in England and Wales included 10,395 which were referred to the principal infectious diseases; of these, 3,351 resulted from measles, 2,775 from whooping-cough, 1,834 from diphtheria, 1,020 from diarrhoea, 790 from scarlet fever, 621 from "fever" (principally enteric) and 4 from small-pox. The mortality from these diseases in the aggregate was equal to 1.20 per 1,000 or 0.21 per 1.000 below the average rate in the corresponding period of the ten preceding years.

The rate of infant mortality, measured by the proportion of deaths among children under 1 year of age to registered births, was equal to 135 per 1,000 last quarter, against an average rate of 139 per 1,000. Among the several registration counties the rates of infant mortality ranged from 94 in Dorsetshire, 107 in Hampshire, 108 in Oxfordshire and in Herefordshire, 111 in Denbighshire, and 114 in Buckinghamshire to 162 in Leicestershire, 166 in Glamorganshire, 167 in Cumberland, 174 in Monmouthshire, and 182 in Nottinghamshire. In the seventy-six largest towns the mean rate was 136 per 1,000; in London it was 132, while among the other towns it ranged from 85 in Hornsey, 92 in Wallasey, 94 in Coventry, and 101 in Huddersfield and in York to 176 in Middlesbrough and in Merthyr Tydfil, 180 in Rotherham, 184 in Rhondda, 193 in Preston, and 207 in Nottingham.

The mortality in England and Wales during the three months under notice among persons aged between 1 and 60 years was equal to an annual rate of 8.9 per 1.000, against an average rate of 9.2 per 1,000 in the corresponding periods of the ten preceding years. In the seventy-six large towns the mean death-rate at this group of ages was 9.8 per 1.000; in London the rate was 9.4 per 1,000, while among the other large towns it ranged from 4.8 in Handsworth (Staffs.), 5.4 in Hornsey, 5.8 in King's Norton, 5.9 in Great Yarmouth, 6.6 in Burton-on-Trent, and 7.0 in Reading, to 12.5 in Warrington, 12.7 in Newport (Mon.) and in Swansea, 12.9 in Oldham, 14.7 in St. Helens, and 15.8 in Middlesbrough.

Among persons aged 60 years and upwards the death-rate last quarter averaged 95.2 per 1 000 living at these ages, the mean rate in the ten preceding first quarters having been 85.0 per 1,000. In the seventy-six towns the mean death-rate at this age-group was 100 6 per 1 000; in London the rate was 95.8 per 1,000, while among the other large towns it ranged from 64 6 in Leyton and in King's Norton. 71.0 in Great Yarmouth, and 74 0 in Hornsey, to 121.6 in Oldham, 123.8 in Stockton-on-Tees, 127.9 in Middlesbrough and in South Shields, and 128 0 in Preston.

The mean temperature of the air for the whole quarter differed but little from the average; considerable fluctuations of temperature were observed, but the periods of warmth and cold were fairly evenly balanced. The rainfall for the quarter was very deficient; in London only 3 in., or 60 per cent. of the average amount, was measured. The duration of bright sunshine was considerably in excess of the average, in London the aggregate being 276 hours, or 100 hours more than the average.

EPIDEMIC MORTALITY IN LONDON.

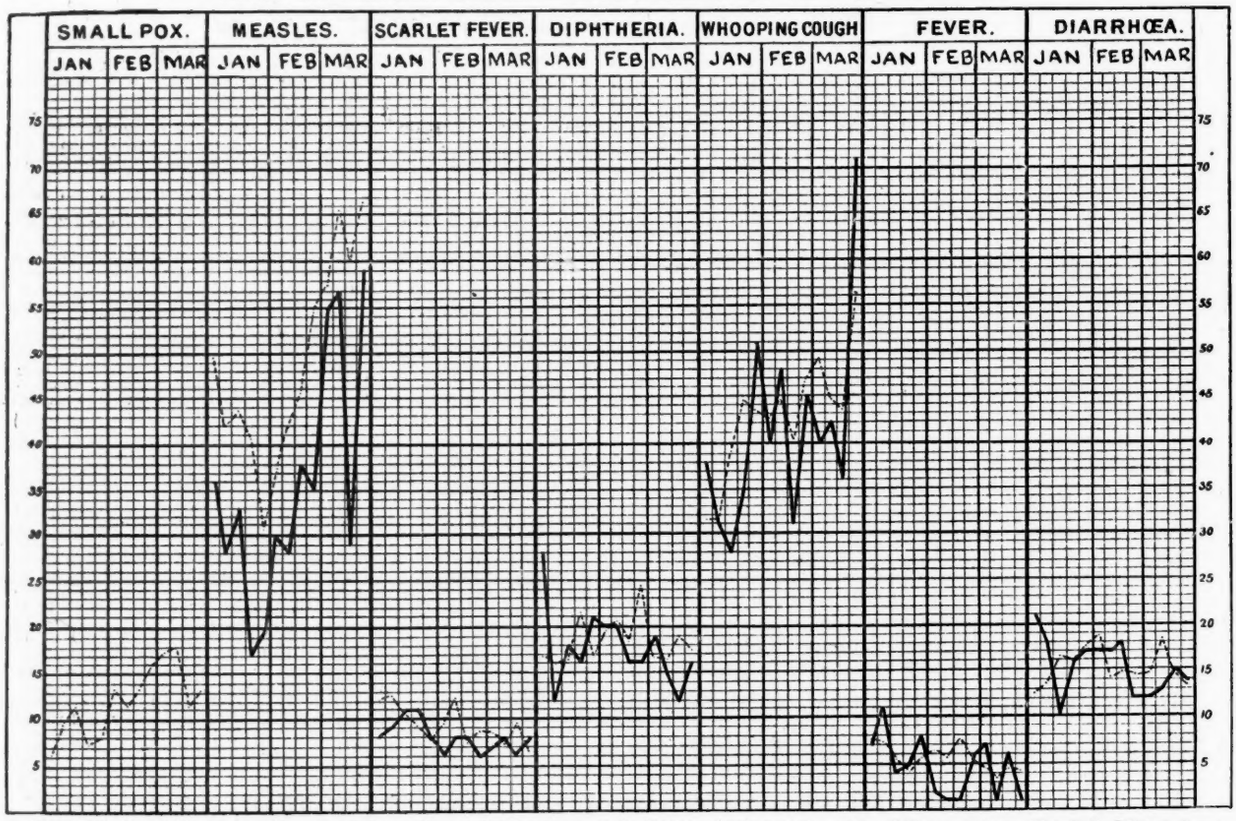
THE accompanying diagram shows the prevalence of the principal epidemic diseases during the first, or winter, quarter of the year. The fluctuations of each disease and its relative fatality compared with that in the corresponding periods of recent years can thus be readily seen.

Small-pox.—No fatal case of small-pox has been registered in London since June, 1905, and no small-pox patients have been under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals since the middle of last year.

Measles.—The deaths from measles, which had been 785, 256, and 213 in the three preceding quarters, rose again to 465 last quarter, but were 171 below the corrected average number in the corresponding period of the five preceding years. Among the various metropolitan boroughs this disease was proportionally most fatal in Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Greenwich, and Woolwich.

Scarlet Fever.—The fatal cases of this disease, which had numbered 144, 108, and 152 in the three preceding quarters, declined again last quarter to 104, and were 18 fewer than the corrected average number. Scarlet fever showed the greatest proportional mortality last quarter

DEATHS FROM EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN LONDON DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1907.



NOTE.—The black lines show the *recorded* number of deaths from each disease during each week of the quarter. The dotted lines show the *average* number of deaths in the corresponding weeks of the five preceding years, 1902–6.

in Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Southwark, Bermondsey, and Camberwell. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 2,614 scarlet fever patients at the end of last quarter, against 2,705, 3,360, and 3,787 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 4,033 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 4,148, 5,114, and 5,845 in the three preceding quarters.

Diphtheria.—The deaths referred to diphtheria, which had been 140, 153, and 213 in the three preceding quarters, further rose last quarter to 229, but were slightly below the average number in the corresponding periods of the five preceding years. Among the various metropolitan boroughs this disease was proportionally most fatal in Fulham, Shoreditch, Stepney, Poplar, and Deptford. There were 1,012 diphtheria patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals at the end of last quarter, against 782, 844, and 995 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 1,665 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 1,356, 1,612, and 1,995 in the three preceding quarters.

Whooping-Cough.—The fatal cases of this disease, which had been 406, 195, and 180 in the three preceding quarters, rose again last quarter to 536, but were slightly lower than the average number in the first quarters of the five preceding years. The greatest proportional mortality from this disease was recorded in Paddington, Fulham, Finsbury, Shoreditch, Southwark, and Lewisham.

"*Fever.*"—Under this heading are included deaths from typhus, from enteric fever, or from ill-defined pyrexia. No death from typhus was registered during the quarter, and only one from ill-defined pyrexia. The deaths referred to these different forms of "fever," which had been 50, 75, and 109 in the three preceding quarters, further declined last quarter to 60, and were 12 below the corrected average number. Among the various boroughs enteric fever was proportionally most fatal in Hampstead, Hackney, the City of London, Shoreditch, Stepney and Bermondsey. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 93 enteric fever patients at the end of last quarter, against 139 and 134 at the end of the two preceding quarters; 186 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 184, 251 and 333 in the three preceding quarters.

Diarrhœa.—The 200 deaths from diarrhœa in London last quarter were equal to the corrected average number in the corresponding periods of the five preceding years. This disease showed the highest proportional mortality in Fulham, Hackney, Holborn, Stepney, and Southwark.

In conclusion, it may be stated that the 1,594 deaths in London attributed to these principal epidemic diseases during the quarter ending March last were 20 per cent. below the corrected average number in the corresponding periods of the five preceding years. The lowest death-rates from these diseases were recorded last quarter in Chelsea, City of Westminster, St. Marylebone, St Pancras, and the City of London; and the highest rates in Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Bermondsey, and Woolwich.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,871 births and 4,630 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, May 18th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 16.0, 15.9, and 15.7 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 15.1 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 8.4 in East Ham and in Leicester, 8.7 in Norwich, 9.0 in Leyton, 9.1 in Walthamstow and in West Bromwich, 9.2 in Rotherham, and 9.4 in Aston Manor, to 22 2 in Grimsby, 22.9 in Tynemouth 23.4 in Bolton, 23.6 in Gateshead, 23.7 in Rochdale, 24.0 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 24.1 in Middlesbrough. In London the rate of mortality was 15.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 15.0 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.7 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London, also, this death-rate was equal to 1.7 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.0 in West Ham, 3.1 in Middlesbrough, 3.2 in Sheffield, 3.4 in Nottingham, 3.5 in Wigan, 3.6 in Rochdale, 4.3 in Sunderland, 6.3 in Bolton, and 7.8 in Hanley. Measles caused a death-rate of 2.1 in Sheffield, 2.2 in Warrington, 2.7 in Sunderland, 3 0 in Nottingham, 3.1 in Middlesbrough, 6 0 in Bolton, and 7 0 in Hanley; whooping-cough of 1.0 in Manchester, 1.2 in West Ham and in Rochdale, and 2 4 in Wigan; "fever" of 1.2 in Rochdale; and diarrhœa of 1.0 in Wolverhampton and in Sunderland and 1.1 in Swansea. The mortality from scarlet fever and from diphtheria showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. One fatal case of small-pox was registered in Southampton, but none in any other of the large towns. The number of scarlet fever patients in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,649, 2,672, and 2,658 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had risen again to 2,678 at the end of last week: 363 new cases were admitted during the week, against 360, 346, and 349 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, May 18th, 1,060 births and 685 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 20 6, 19.9, and 19.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 19.7 per 1,000 last week, and was 4.6 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 12.0 in Perth and 16 3 in Edinburgh to 21.2 in Leith and 21.8 in Glasgow. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.2 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Leith. The 218 deaths registered in Glasgow included 40 which were referred to whooping-cough, and 23 to cerebro-spinal meningitis. Three fatal cases of measles, 5 of whooping-cough, and 5 of cerebro-spinal meningitis were recorded in Edinburgh; 3 of whooping-cough and 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Dundee; 2 of whooping-cough in Aberdeen; 2 of whooping-cough and 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Paisley; and 3 of measles and 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Leith.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE undermentioned Surgeons have been promoted to be Staff Surgeons, dated May 15th: S. H. WOODS, M.D., P. T. SUTCLIFFE, M.B., J. P. H. GREENHALGH, M.D., L. A. BAISS, C. R. NICHOLSON, E. T. BURTON, R. HUGHES, G. M. O. RICHARDS, N. J. ROCHE, J. H. JONES, A. J. LAURIE, P. G. WILLIAMS. Their first commissions are dated May 15th, 1899.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: PERCY E. MAITLAND, Fleet Surgeon, and PERCY T. SUTCLIFFE, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Exmouth*, on recommissioning, May 25th; SHELDON F. DUDLEY, Surgeon, to the *Donegal*, May 22nd; J. L. BARFORD, Surgeon, to the *Diadem*, May 22nd; WILLIAM W. D. CHILCOTT, Surgeon, to the *Blenheim*, May 22nd; JOHN JENKINS, Fleet Surgeon, and HAROLD G. T.

MAJOR, Surgeon, to the *Ramillies*, May 15th; ALFRED M. PAGE, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Repulse*, May 16th; ALEX. L. CHRISTIE, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Hawke*, May 15th; FRANK BRADSHAW, Fleet Surgeon, and DAVID W. HEWITT, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Warrior*, on commissioning, June 1st; FREDERICK W. PARKER, Fleet Surgeon, and ROBERT H. MORNEMENT, Staff Surgeon, to the *Commonwealth*, on recommissioning, May 28th; HENRY J. HADDEN, M.B., Surgeon, and ALFRED J. PICKTHORN, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Sapphire*, for the *Sapphire II*, May 28th; HARRY SPICER, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *London*, May 28th; HAROLD J. CHATER, Staff Surgeon, to the *Forte*, on recommissioning, June 8th; ALEXANDER MCCLOY, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Mutine*, on commissioning, May 28th; W. F. ARCHIBALD, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Goliath*, May 28th; JOHN E. H. PHILLIPS, Staff Surgeon, to the *Glory*, May 28th.

GRENADIER GUARDS.

BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. E. HARRISON, M.B., Grenadier Guards, is appointed an Honorary Surgeon to the King, and to be a Brevet Colonel, vice Sir H. J. K. Innes, K.C.B., deceased. Colonel Harrison joined the Army Medical Department as Surgeon, September 30th, 1874; became Surgeon-Major, August 19th, 1889; and Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, November 4th 1891. He was first appointed to the Grenadier Guards, September 30th, 1874, and has continued with one or other of its several battalions ever since. In the Egyptian war in 1882 he was with the 2nd Battalion, and was at the actions of Tel-el-Mahuta and Tel-el-Kebir, receiving a medal with clasp, and the Khedive's star.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. P. O'CONNOR, C.B., from the Royal Army Medical Corps, to be Colonel, April 5th. He was appointed Surgeon, March 6th, 1880; Surgeon-Major, March 6th, 1892; and Lieutenant-Colonel, March 6th, 1900. He served with the Burmese expedition in 1885-6 (medal with clasp); and in the South African war in 1899-1902, being present in operations in Cape Colony, Orange River Colony, and the Transvaal (mentioned in dispatches, made C.B., Queen's medal with clasp, and King's medal with two clasps).

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE.

SURGEON-MAJOR G. HOLLIES, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, April 16th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant A. MACKENZIE to be Surgeon-Captain, September 21st, 1906.

The undermentioned gentlemen are appointed Lieutenants on probation, dated May 1st: CHARLES V. NICOLL, JOHN F. MURPHY, SAMUEL K. ADAMS, M.B., MURRAY R. TAYLOR, M.B.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL O. H. CHANNER, M.B., Bombay Establishment, is permitted to retire from the service from April 15th. He joined the department as Assistant Surgeon, September 30th, 1876, and became Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30th, 1896. He served in Southern Afghanistan during the Afghan war in 1879-80, was mentioned in dispatches, and received a medal for the campaign.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. DYSON, M.B., Bombay Establishment, is appointed Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay.

The undermentioned Majors are promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonels from March 31st: C. H. L. MEYER, M.D., W. H. W. ELLIOT, M.B., D.S.O., L. F. CHILDE, M.B., W. R. CLARK, M.B., G. F. W. BRAIDE, R. J. MARKS, C. E. SUNDER, M.B., M. A. KER, H. HERBERT, F.R.C.S., T. D. C. BARRY, A. BUCHANAN, L. G. FISCHER, W. VOST, M.B., J. GARVIE, M.B., C. E. L. GILBERT, G. B. IRVINE, F. G. CRAWFORD, M.D., R. ROBERTSON, M.B. Their previous commissions are dated: Surgeon, March 31st, 1887; Major, March 31st, 1899. The war records given in the Army Lists are as follows: Lieutenant-Colonel Elliot—Hazara expedition, 1888 (medal with clasp); first Miranzai expedition, 1891; South African war, 1899-1901, including the defence of Ladysmith (mentioned in dispatches, Queen's medal with three clasps, and appointed D.S.O.). Lieutenant-Colonel Marks—Lushai expedition, 1891; campaign on the North-West Frontier of India, 1897-8, with the Tochi Force (medal with clasp). Lieutenant-Colonel Sunder—Sikkim expedition, 1888 (medal with clasp); first Miranzai expedition. Lieutenant-Colonel Ker—Hazara expeditions, 1888 and 1891 (medal with two clasps); second Miranzai expedition, 1891 (clasp); Waziristan expedition, 1894-5 (clasp); Tirah expedition, 1897-8 (medal with two clasps); North-West Frontier of India, Waziristan, 1901-2 (mentioned in dispatches, clasp). Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert—Operations of the Zaila Field Force, 1890. Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan—Chin-Lushai Expedition, 1889-90 (medal with clasp). Lieutenant-Colonel Vost—Hazara expedition, 1888 (medal with clasp); second Miranzai Expedition, 1891 (clasp). Lieutenant-Colonel Garvie—Zhob Valley expedition, 1890. Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert—Sikkim expedition, 1888 (medal with clasp); Manipore expedition, 1891 (clasp); Isazai expedition, 1892; Waziristan expedition, 1894-5 (clasp); Chitral Relief Force, 1895 (medal with clasp); North-West Frontier of India campaign, 1897-8, including engagement of Shabkadr and operations on the Samana and in the Kurram Valley (two clasps); and Tirah Expedition, 1897-8 (clasp). Lieutenant-Colonel Irvine—Waziristan Expedition, 1894-5 (medal with clasp); North-West Frontier of India, 1897-8, with the Tochi Force (medal with clasp). Lieutenant-Colonel Robertson—Burmah, 1888-9 (medal with clasp).

The undermentioned Captains are promoted to be Majors from January 29th: C. J. ROBERTSON-MILNE, M.B., A. F. STEVENS, C. H. BENSLEY, F. H. WATLING, M.B., S. EVANS, M.B., E. J. MORGAN, M.B., J. H. MCDONALD, M.B., F. WALL, C. M. MATHEW, J. STEPHENSON, M.B., F.R.C.S., F. N. WINDSOR, M.B., W. B. TURNBULL, M.B., E. E. WATERS, M.B., E. M. ILLINGTON, F.R.C.S.E., C. G. WEBSTER, F.R.C.S.E. The first appointment of Major Robertson-Milne to Major Mathew dates from January 29th, 1895; that of Captain from January 29th, 1898. In the case of Majors Stephenson to Webster their previous commissions are dated: Surgeon-Lieutenant, July 29th, 1895; Surgeon-Captain, July 29th, 1898. The following have war records in the Army Lists, namely: Major Watling—China, 1900 (medal). Major Windsor—North-West Frontier of India campaign, 1897-8 (medal with clasp). Major Turnbull—North-West Frontier of India campaign, 1897-8 (medal with clasp); China, 1900 (medal); and Waziristan, 1901-2 (clasp). Major Illington—North-West Frontier of India campaign, 1897-8 (medal with clasp).

The retirement from the service of Surgeon-General A. S. REID, M.B., C.B., which has been already announced in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, has received the approval of the King.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. S. EYRE, M.B., Bengal Establishment, has retired from the service, from April 7th. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon, September 30th, 1876, and made Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30th, 1896.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. N. V. HARINGTON (Madras) is appointed Residency Surgeon and Chief Medical Officer in Rajpootana, from March 19th, and to have charge of the current duties of Residency Surgeon in the Western States of Rajpootana.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. FFRENCH-MULLEN, M.D. (Bengal), is promoted to be Colonel from March 21st. He joined the department as Assistant Surgeon, March 31st, 1877; became Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, March 31st, 1897; and was selected for increased pay, March 24th, 1903.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. RUNDLE, M.B. (Madras), is permitted to retire from the service from May 1st. He joined the service as Assistant Surgeon, March 31st, 1880, and was made Lieutenant-Colonel March 31st, 1900.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. SHORE, M.D., Bengal Establishment, is posted as Residency Surgeon in the Western States of Rajpootana.

IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

MAURICE W. COLEMAN, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant (extra) in the Berks Regiment, under the conditions of Paragraph 28, Imperial Yeomanry Regulations, April 15th.

JOHN R. STEINHAEUSER, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant (extra) in the Sussex Regiment, under the Imperial Yeomanry Regulations, March 27th.

ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLUNTEERS).

SAMUEL ENGLISH, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 3rd Lancashire, March 30th.

JOSEPH M. BENSON, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st (Sheffield) Yorkshire (West Riding), March 26th.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT J. K. BROWNLEES, 4th Volunteer Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), resigns his commission, March 25th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant A. G. HAY, M.D., 1st Dumbartonshire Volunteer Rifle Corps, to be Surgeon-Captain, March 1st.

Surgeon-Lieutenant A. AULD, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the East Yorkshire Regiment, resigns his commission, January 31st.

Surgeon-Captain N. MACNAIR, M.D., 4th Volunteer Battalion the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), resigns his commission, April 6th.

Supernumerary Surgeon-Captain H. M. BROWNFIELD, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Hampshire Regiment, is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Major, March 4th.

JAMES P. WILSON, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Dumbartonshire Volunteer Rifle Corps, February 28th.

Surgeon-Captain C. A. MARRETT, 4th Volunteer Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), resigns his commission, April 15th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant (Honorary Lieutenant in the Army) M. J. MAHONEY, M.B., 6th Volunteer Battalion the King's (Liverpool Regiment), to be Surgeon-Captain, April 10th.

WILLIAM DUNCAN, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment), March 26th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant F. B. JEFFERISS, 4th Volunteer Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), to be Surgeon-Captain, January 11th.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

CAPTAIN T. W. BARTLETT, Woolwich Companies, Eastern Command, resigns his commission, March 31st.

Captain J. P. EKINS, Cadet Corps (St. Michael's, Woolwich), attached to the Woolwich Companies, Eastern Command, resigns his commission, March 31st.

Lieutenant W. A. BURNS, Glasgow Companies, Scottish Command, to be Captain, May 1st.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

SAMUEL E. RIGG to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Cumberland, April 7th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Surgeon-Colonel W. CHALMERS-COWAN, 1st Forfarshire, resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, April 3rd.

Surgeon-Lieutenant H. C. COLEMAN, M.B., 1st Forfarshire, to be Surgeon-Captain, April 3rd.

WILLIAM M. FERGUSSON to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Banff, April 15th.

WILLIAM E. F. TINLEY, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st East Riding of Yorkshire, April 1st.

CHANGES OF STATIONS.

THE following changes of stations amongst the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps have been officially reported to have taken place during April, 1907:

		FROM	TO
Lieut.-Col.	A. P. O'Connor, C.B.	Bordon	York.
,,	F. B. Maclean	Jersey	Potchefstr'm.
,,	D. O'Sullivan	Secunderabad	Rawal Pindi.
,,	M. W. O'Keeffe, M.D.	W. Com., India	Karachi.
,,	J. L. Hall	Quetta	Nowgong.
,,	F. P. Nichols, M.B.	Norwich	India.
,,	G. W. Brazier-Creagh, C.M.G.	Woolwich	Lichfield.
,,	F. H. Treherne	Rawal Pindi	Sialkot.
,,	S. Westcott, C.M.G.	Bombay	Mhow.
,,	B. M. Skinner, M.V.O.	London Dist.	Nowshera.
,,	J. R. Stuart, M.B.	Mhow	Neemuch.
,,	R. R. H. Moore, M.D.	Aldershot	Netley.
,,	R. S. F. Henderson, M.B.	Kamptee	,,
,,	G. E. Hale, D.S.O.	Karachi	Hyderabad.
,,	F. W. C. Jones, M.B.	Nasirabad	Kamptee.
,,	W. T. Swan, M.B.	Jullundur	Ambala.
,,	C. T. Blackwell, M.D.	Hyderabad	Belgaum.
,,	R. G. Stanley, M.B.	Dublin	Londonderry.
,,	P. C. H. Gordon	Poonamallee	Rangoon.
,,	M. T. Yarr	Bombay	Colaba.
,,	A. Kennedy	Belgaum	Pachmarhi.
,,	J. J. O'Donnell, M.B.	Ahmedabad	Kirkee.
,,	H. W. Austin	Karachi	Londonderry.

	FROM	TO
Major C. H. Hale, D.S.O.	Rangoon	Secunderabad.
,, J. Ritchie, M.B.	E. Command	Woolwich.
,, R. C. Thacker	Aden	Karachi.
,, T. B. Beach	Chatham	Woolwich.
,, A. E. Smithson, M.B.	Chester	Harrismith.
,, R. J. W. Mawhinny	Ferozepore	Dublin.
,, G. A. T. Bray	Shwebo	Chatham.
,, C. J. Healy, M.B.	Londonderry	Dublin.
,, H. P. Johnson	Devonport	Taunton.
,, J. Hennessy, M.B.	Secunderabad	Poonamallee.
,, J. F. M. Kelly, M.B.	Fermoy	Kilworth.
,, F. G. Faichnie	Pachmarhi	Aden.
,, C. T. Samman	Dover	Shorncliffe.
,, T. H. J. C. Goodwin, D.S.O.	R.M. Academy	Quetta.
,, J. Grech	Chakrata	Meerut.
,, St. J. B. Killery	Aldershot	India.
Captain M. P. Corkery	R.A.M. College	London Dist.
,, F. F. Carroll, M.B.	Woolwich	Egypt. Army.
,, E. A. Bourke	Londonderry	Bloemfontein.
,, G. B. Carter, M.B.	Wellington	Madras.
,, J. S. Gallie	Bordon	Ahmednagar.
,, H. Herrick	York	Richmond.
,, A. R. O'Flaherty	Woolwich	Hounslow.
,, N. J. C. Rutherford, M.B.	R.A.M. College	Dover.
,, A. Chopping	—	Peshawar.
,, E. P. Connolly	Enniskillen	Londonderry.
,, J. H. R. Bond	Strensall	York.
,, E. G. Ford, M.B.	Lincoln	Lichfield.
,, B. B. Burke	Rawal Pindi	E. Command.
,, C. R. L. Ronayne, M.B.	York	Strensall.
,, G. Baillie, M.B.	Quetta	Dublin.
,, J. H. Brunskill, M.B.	Maymyo	Rangoon.
,, H. A. Davidson, M.D.	Bangalore	Secunderabad.
,, J. W. West, M.B.	Belfast	Ballykinder Camp.
,, E. W. Powell	Bombay	Kirkee.
,, A. J. W. Wells	Maymyo	Rangoon.
,, H. A. Bransbury	S. Command	Tidworth.
,, M. F. Foulds	Deolalee	Aden.
,, J. B. Clarke, M.B.	Bradford	York.
,, R. C. Wilson, M.B.	Dublin	Belfast.
,, P. G. Hyde, M.B.	,,	Cork.
,, T. J. Potter	Deepcut	Aldershot.
,, D. J. F. O'Donoghue	Aden	Dublin.
,, G. A. K. H. Reed	Nowgong	Saugor.
,, J. W. S. Seccombe	Rawal Pindi	Ambala.
,, W. W. Browne	Rangoon	Maymyo.
,, R. Rutherford, M.B.	Deolalee	Poona.
,, T. S. Coates, M.B.	Mhow	Neemuch.
,, R. C. Wilmot	Rangoon	Poona.
,, E. M. Pennefather	Wellington	Maymyo.
,, P. J. Hanafin	Middelburg, Transvaal	Pretoria.
,, H. C. Hildreth	Bangalore	Wellington.
,, T. J. Wright	Belgaum	Rangoon.
Lieutenant F. J. Turner	Aden	Karachi.
,, A. S. Arthur, M.B.	Peshawar	Nowshera.
,, M. D. Ahern	,,	Ferozepore.
,, G. S. C. Hayes	Worcester	Devonport.
,, R. J. C. Thompson	—	Pretoria.
,, C. D. M. Holbrooke	Kirkee	Poona.
,, C. W. O'Brien	Nowshera	Peshawar.
,, G. Ormrod, M.B.	Delhi	Mandalay.
,, W. Benson, M.B.	Millbank	Rawal Pindi.
,, A. E. S. Irvine	Dublin	Middelburg, Transvaal
,, M. J. Cromie	Dover	Poona.
,, T. S. Blackwell	Secunderabad	Bangalore.
,, F. A. McCammon, M.B.	Dundalk	Londonderry.
,, R. E. U. Newman, M.B.	Bere Island	Queenstown.
,, E. M. W. Paine	Trowbridge	Larkhall Cmp.
,, T. W. O. Seaton	London Dist.	Dublin.
,, T. W. Browne	Cork	Waterford.
,, R. C. Galgey	Tidworth	Bulford.

Major G. M. Dobson, M.B., retired pay, has relinquished the medical charge of troops at Lincoln.

Captain H. Fox, M.B., R.A.M.C.(Militia), retired pay, has relinquished the medical charge of troops at Longford.

The undermentioned Captains, R.A.M.C.(Militia), retired pay, have been placed in medical charge of troops at the stations named: J. H. P. Graham, Brecon; W. K. Steele, Devizes; C. R. Tichborne, Enniskillen.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

ALNWICK INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £140 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR SKIN AND URINARY DISEASES.—Clinical Assistant. Honorarium at the rate of 52 guineas per annum.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—Lectureship in Dental Histology and Pathology.

BRADFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRIGHTON: SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assisting Resident Medical Officer. Honorarium, £25 for three months.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS: WEST SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

CAIRO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.—Sub-Inspector of Ophthalmic Hospitals. Salary, £500 per annum.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Honorarium £30 for six months.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

CHORLEY: RAWCLIFFE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary for first six months at the rate of £90 per annum, increasing to £100.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. (2) Surgeon. (3) Physician to Out-patients.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, and £10 for lectures to probationer nurses.

HAMMERSMITH PARISH INFIRMARY, Ducane Road, W.—Male Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £40 for six months.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—(1) House Surgeon, salary £20 for six months, and £2 10s. washing allowance. (2) Anaesthetist, honorarium 15 guineas for one year.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon for Out-patient Department.

LEEDS UNION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

LISCARD: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Aurist and Laryngologist.

LIVERPOOL: STANLEY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon and Anaesthetist. Salary, £60 per annum.

MANCHESTER EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—Honorary Assistant Aural Surgeon.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND NORTH ORMESBY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE CORPORATION.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Visiting Medical Assistant. Salary, £160 for first year, £180 afterwards.

NEWPORT AND MONMOUTHSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £70 per annum.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Dean Street, W.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of £40 per annum.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Lecturer on Anatomy.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Physician.

SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.—Resident Junior House and Visiting Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden Square, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum, increasing to £100 if reappointed.

WALSALL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £110 per annum. (2) Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

WEST HAM AND EAST LONDON HOSPITAL, Stratford, E.—Junior House-Surgeon for six months, eligible for election as Senior. Salary at the rate of £75 and £100 per annum respectively.

WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £80 per annum.

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APPOINTMENTS.

ALLFREY, F. H., M.B., B.C.Cantab., District Medical Officer of the Steyning Union.

CHILD, F. J., M.D.Camb., District Medical Officer of the Winchester Union.

CROSBY, H. M., M.B., C.M.Edin., Honorary Surgeon to the General Hospital, Stroud, Glos.

DICK, W., M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Health, Ringwood Rural District.

GREENE, Arthur, M.A., M.D.Dubl., Assistant Surgeon to Norfolk and Norwich Eye Infirmary.

HERBERT, Charles, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Anaesthetist to Middlesex Hospital.

HUGHES, T. C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Second Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Lewisham Union Infirmary.

JAMES, A. M. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Oundle Union.

JOHNSON, L. C., M.B.Lond., Ch.B.Vict., District Medical Officer of the Leeds Union.

LOGAN, W. A., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

MONTEATH, T. P., M.B., C.M.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Howden Union.

MURRAY, H. Leith, M.D.Aberd., Joint Pathologist to the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool.

PATON, Leslie, B.A., M.B., B.C.Camb., F.R.C.S., Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C.

REITH, W. R., M.D.Aberd., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Erdington District, co. Warwick.

ROBBS, C. H. D., M.B.Lond., Medical Officer of Health, Grantham Rural District.

SANKEY, R. H., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., Anaesthetist to the Oxford Eye Hospital.

SHAW, Lauriston E., M.D., F.R.C.P.Lond., Physician to Guy's Hospital.

SPENCE, John W. L., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., Medical Electrician to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children, vice Harry Rainy, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., resigned.

STEWART, J., M.B., C.M.Glas., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Beith District, co. Ayr.

SYMES, J. O., M.D., D.P.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Consulting Physician to the Cossham Memorial Hospital, Kingswood, Bristol.

TAYLOR, Frederick, M.D., F.R.C.P.Lond., Consulting Physician to Guy's Hospital.

TRAILL-THOMSON, William, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer to Provident Dispensary, Leamington Spa.

WHITEHOUSE, A. Landon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S.Eng., Honorary Curator of the Museum, Royal Dental Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.

WOODHOUSE, W. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Health, Wantage Urban District.

WYNNE, J. Darley, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Medical Attendant to the Royal Irish Constabulary, Clonmel.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

SIMPSON.—On May 16th, at "The Old Chestnuts," Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, N., the wife of J. Edward Simpson, M.B., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CLATWORTHY—GOODING.—On May 15th, at St. Margaret's, Lee, by the Rev. E. Louis C Clapton, M.A., Rector of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. Canon Rowsell, M.A., Rector of Beccles and Rural Dean, Ethel Maud Cotton Pemberton Gooding, younger daughter of Ralph Gooding, M.D., D.L., J.P., of 13, Church Terrace, Blackheath, S.E., to John Hunter Clatworthy, M.D.Lond., of 145, Denmark Hill, S.E., younger son of Augustine R. Clatworthy, of Beccles.

WASHBOURN—SINCLAIR.—On March 25th, at the Pro-Cathedral, Nelson, New Zealand, Henry Everly Arthur Washbourn, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., to Sydney Laing Sinclair, of Mid Clyth, Wick, Caithness, N.B.

DEATHS.

BALDING.—On May 18th, at his residence, Barkway, Herts, Albert Balding, of 57, Coleman Street, E.C., aged 67, third son of the late Susan and James Balding, M.R.C.S.

MILSOME.—On May 14th, at St. Ann's Lodge, Addlestone, John Ruddle Milsome, M.D., aged 68 years.

OWEN.—On May 18th, of post-influenzal disease of the heart, Annie Laura, wife of Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., in her 45th year. Cremated at Golder's Green, May 21st.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Annual Conversazione. 9 p.m., Oration by Dr. J. A. Gibson of Edinburgh on the Cause of the Heart Beat.

ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Casual communications: W. Sampson Handley, Lymphoid Degeneration of Salivary Glands. Paper: Mr. J. H. Badcock, Interim Notes on Orthodontia.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Sir William R. Gowers: A Case of Cervical Myelopathic Trichosis. Major M. P. Holt, R.A.M.C., Ligature of the Renal Vessels for the Cure of Persistent Urinary Renal Fistula, with one Successful Case. With Epidiascope Demonstrations.

FRIDAY.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, 8.30 p.m.—Papers: Professor Axel Holst, Studies Concerning Ship Beri-beri; Professor Holst and Dr. Theodor Frolich, Polyneuritis in Poultry (Polyneuritis Gallinarium Eijkman), and Scurvy in Guinea-pigs.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.45 p.m., External Ear; Friday, 3.45 p.m., Thyroid and Cervical Region.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Clinics: Monday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Ear and Throat, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Skin, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Ophthalmology, 3.30 p.m. Thursday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Radiography, 4 p.m. Friday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m. Operations each day at 2.30 p.m. Out-patient Demonstrations: Surgical, daily, 10 a.m.; Medical, daily, 10 a.m. Ear and Throat, Mondays and Thursdays, 12 a.m. Eye, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. Skin, Tuesdays and Fridays, 12 a.m. Special Lectures: Monday, 4 p.m., Surgical Anatomy of the Nose and its Accessory Cavities: Friday, 3.15 p.m., Hemiplegia.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day:—Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Throat Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows:—Monday, Infantile Eczema: Its Management and Treatment; Tuesday, the Treatment of Gonorrhoeal Infection in the Female; Wednesday, the Diagnosis of Disseminated Sclerosis: Thursday, Cerebro-spinal Fever.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the clinics and demonstrations for next week:—Monday, 10 a.m.: Surgical, 2.30 p.m.; Medical, Throat, Nose and Ear, *X* Rays. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.: Medical, 2.30 p.m.; Operations; Surgical and Gynaecological. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.: Medical, Skin. Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m.: Gynaecological Operations; Medical, Surgical; *X* Rays; 3 p.m., Medical (In-patient): 4.30 p.m., Special Demonstration of Medical Cases. Friday, 9.30 a.m., Surgical; 2.30 p.m., Operations; Medical, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical (In-patient).

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Clinical Cases; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Sclerotic Diseases of Cord.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week: Daily, 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics. *X*-rays, 2.30 p.m., Operations. Monday and Thursday, 2 p.m., Disease of Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m., Gynaecological Operations. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear. Tuesday and Friday, 2.30 p.m., Diseases of the Skin. Lectures: Monday, 12 noon, Pathological Demonstration. Monday, 5 p.m., Insects as Carriers of Disease in Tropical Medicine. Tuesday, What is Insanity? Wednesday, Practical Medicine. Thursday, Cases of Interest in the Surgical Wards, Friday, Anaesthetics.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

London: F. S. Turney. 1907:

Cancer: A Working Theory for its Prevention and Cure. By J. Shaw, M.D.

Medical Priestcraft, a National Peril. By J. Shaw, M.D.

London: H. K. Lewis. 1907:

Modern Methods of Diagnosis in Urinary Surgery. By E. Deanesly, M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.S. 3s.

The Practitioner's Medical Dictionary. By G. M. Gould, A.M., M.D. 21s.

International Clinics. A quarterly. Edited by W. T. Longcope, M.D. Vol. I. Seventeenth series, 1907. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Co. 1907. 35s.

Bibliothèque de "La Province Médicale." Les Formes Postérieures de l'Appendicite. Par MM. P. Vignard, P. Cavaillon, et Chabanon. Paris: A. Poinat. 1907. Fr. 1.

Jena: G. Fischer. 1907:

Die blutsaugenden Dipteren. Von Dr. K. Grünberg. M. 4.50.

Praktikum der Bakteriologie und Protozoologie. Von Dr. K. Kisskalt and Dr. M. Hartmann. M. 4.50.

University of London. Francis Galton Laboratory for National Eugenics. Eugenics Laboratory Memoirs I. The Inheritance of Ability. By E. Schuster, M.A., and E. M. Elderton. London: Dulau and Co. 1907. 4s.

Roger Dinwiddie, Soul Doctor. By A. M. Irvine. London: T. Werner Laurie. 6s.

A Synopsis of the British Pharmacopoeia (1898). By H. W. Gadd, F.C.S. Sixth edition. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1907. 1s.

The Practical Medicine Series. Edited by G. P. Head, M.D. Vol. I. General Medicine. Edited by F. Billings, M.S., M.D., and J. H. Salisbury, A.M., M.D. Series 1907. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers; and Glasgow: G. Gillies and Co. 5s.

A Study of the Human Blood Vessels in Health and Disease. A Supplement to "The Origin of Disease." By A. V. Meigs, M.D. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Co. 21s.

The Annual Charities Register and Digest. 16th edition. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 1907. 5s.

Our Sons, Their Start in Life. Second edition. London: "The Guardian" office. 1907. 1s.

The Birds of the British Islands. By C. Stonham, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., F.Z.S. Part V. London: E. Grant Richards. 1907. 7s. 6d.

London: Rebman Ltd. 1907:

Medical Diagnosis. By C. L. Greene, M.D. 13s. 6d.

Marriage and Disease. Abridged edition of "Health and Disease in Relation to Marriage and the Marriage State." Edited by Professor H. Senator and Dr. S. Kaminer. Translated from German by J. Dulberg, M.D. 10s. 6d.

Tropical Medicine, with special reference to the West Indies, Central America, Hawaii, and the Philippines. By T. W. Jackson, M.D. 17s.

The Cause and Prevention of Beri-beri. By W. L. Braddon, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. 21s.

London: The Health Resorts Association. 1907:

Tenby. By D. A. Reid, M.D.

Weymouth. Edited by G. W. May; and

Bournemouth. Edited by G. W. May. Free on application to Town Clerk.

Les Venins, les Animaux Venimeux et la Sérothérapie antivenimeuse. Par A. Calmette. Paris: Masson et Cie. 1907. Fr. 12.

Green's Encyclopaedia and Dictionary of Medicine and Surgery. Vol. IV. Gum resins to Intussusception. Edinburgh and London: W. Green and Sons.

The Laws of Health, a Handbook on School Hygiene. By C. C. Douglas, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.E. London: Blackie and Son, Limited. 1907.

Eléments d'Obstétrique. Par le Dr. V. Wallich. Paris: G. Steinheil. 1907. Fr. 8.

Funktionelle Behandlung der Skoliose. Von Professor Dr. Klapp. Jena: G. Fischer. Mk 3.

Nouveau Traité de Chirurgie, publié en Fascicules sous la direction de A. le Dentu et P. Delbet. I. Grands Processus Morbides. Traumatismes, Infections, Troubles Vasculaires et Trophiques Cicatrices. Par P. Delbet, M. Chevassu, A. Schwartz, et V. Veau. Paris: J. B. Baillière et Fils. 1907. Fr. 10.

The Way of War. By Hew Scot. London: John Long.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MAY.	
24 FRIDAY ...	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Lecture Room, Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., 4.30 p.m.
25 SATURDAY ...	TROWBRIDGE DIVISION, *Bath and Bristol Branch*, Annual Meeting, Court Room, Town Hall, Trowbridge, 3 p.m.
26 Sunday ...	
27 MONDAY ...	LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Council Meeting, Royal Infirmary, Manchester, 4.30 p.m. MANCHESTER (WEST) DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, Hulme Dispensary, Dale Street, Stretford Road, 4.15 p.m.
28 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Finance Inquiry Committee, 12 noon. BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Annual Meeting, Red Lion Hotel, 1 p.m.; Luncheon, 2 p.m. ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Board Room of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., 4 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Dinner, Gaiety Restaurant, Strand, W.C., 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
29 WEDNESDAY	SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C., 9.30 a.m. BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Museum, Bath, 7.30 p.m.; Supper, Fortt's Restaurant, Milsom Street, 8.45 p.m.
MAY (*Continued*).	
30 THURSDAY ...	SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING (*if necessary*). CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 9 p.m.; followed by a Supper, 9.30 p.m. MARYLEBONE DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Rooms of Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, W., 5 p.m. SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, Annual Meeting, White Lion Hotel, Bala.
31 FRIDAY ...	
JUNE.	
1 SATURDAY ...	
2 Sunday ...	
3 MONDAY ...	SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter; Luncheon, Clarence Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
4 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Naval and Military Committee, 3.30 p.m.
5 WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL COUNCIL, *Special Meeting*, Metropolitan Asylums Board, 2 p.m. CENTRAL DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, Annual Meeting, Medical Institute, 4 p.m.
6 THURSDAY ...	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, Board Room of the Hospital, Altrincham, 5 p.m. METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH, Special General Meeting, St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly, 4.30 p.m.
7 FRIDAY ...	GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH, Annual Meeting, New Medical Buildings of the University, 3.30 p.m.; Dinner in the evening.
8 SATURDAY ...	

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